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September 14, 1944

To F. K. Purinton, Executive Secretary to the Governor
Re: "V" Day.

I am taking the opportunity of answering personally your memo of September 13th, addressed to Mr. Breitbard, covering plans for "V" Day.

1. The Governor can properly declare a holiday for this now unknown day.
2. As to how he shall do it, I can simply say: Just do it. No one on earth would question the propriety.
3. The glorious day may come so suddenly that it cannot be anticipated. When the joyful news arrives, let the bells ring, the whistles blow and let everybody yell his head off. There will be no efficiency in the State House nor in any other place of employment on that great day. Just turn everybody loose; tell them to forget their troubles for the day and celebrate, within lawful bounds, as God Almighty gives them the strength and intelligence.

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