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My dear Sir:

I have your favor of April 12<sup>th</sup>  
but of course it should have been Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>,  
and have been to the War Department.  
St. Coffin is very highly spoken of — so  
much that I have ventured in your be-  
half to say that you would be entitled to  
take him — Gen. Dorn stating that they  
would rely much upon St. Miller's judgment,  
and this before they knew he had com-  
mended him. Coffin is not now available  
but says Gen. Dorn said he would at  
once make him so by ordering another