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Dear Don:

I very much appreciated your call last night, and have given your suggestion additional thought.

As you know I would be delighted to work for you again, and Defense I am sure would be a fascinating experience. On the other hand I feel a strong obligation to see this job through. After a long, hard struggle, we are making some significant breakthroughs. We now need to move rapidly and surely to consolidate some of the achievements of recent months. While no man is indispensable, I should think that I could best serve the Administration by staying here through the April 25 elections and helping to define our aid program and firm up our relations with the newly elected government.

I have now been in Portugal just about a year. To leave now would create the impression that I am job-hopping and would leave a somewhat bad taste. I should think that by this fall matters will be very much different, and I could begin to think in terms of other jobs. I hope you will keep me in mind at that time should anything of particular interest turn up.

From what I can gather you are really taking

The Honorable  
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hold and even the press is taking a more balanced approach. I have no question but what you will emerge as one of our greatest Secretaries of Defense and am proud that you thought of me as a potential job candidate.

Sincerely,



Frank C. Carlucci

