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My dear Jayne:

I was very glad to see you ordered to the 12th Naval District, and I hope the detail will be pleasing to you.

From what I have heard, and seen, your office is well organized, and in good working order.

It is a matter of great importance that we should all pull together on this coast, and that there should be general harmony everywhere.

As you may know I have been placed in "General charge" of the 12th, 13th and 14th Naval Districts. This was done to secure uniformity of action in certain matters, and to promote coordination with the Army on this coast.

It was my idea that the Commandants of Districts should confer, from time to time, with the Army Commandants, and with them agree upon plans and procedure, from time to time.

Some headway has been made in this respect, but much remains to be done.

I hope you will make a tour of your district, visiting the stations at San Pedro, and San Diego, and that I may see you personally.

I have headquarters on shore at San Diego, for the present.

It has not been my intention, or desire, to interfere with, or bother Commandants, but simply to promote cooperation along the coast.

I have only issued few orders concerning discipline, uniform, and so forth, in which there was need of uniformity of action.

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It is regrettable that we have so few ships, and that so few of the elements needed for offense, and defense, are available, but there is no enemy activities here, and the demand on the Atlantic are paramount, so we must make the most of what we have. If anything happens the Department must take the responsibility, because they know the conditions.

I have sought to send every ship, every officer, and every trained man possible, to the other side.

I hope you will enjoy your duties, and that I may see you before many days. Please remember me to Temp Potts, I am very fond of him.

Very sincerely yours,

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