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TO: Pat G.

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Ardennes (counter) offensive
December 1944. Role of stratagem

Dupuy makes much of German tactical prowess; but I get a rather different picture from other sources (Liddell Hart) (A. Cave Brown). It is curious that Griffin is not mentioned by Brown.

Further, Hart says that Griffin was Hitler's own conception -- a far cry from the General Staff. And of course it could only be the last spasm — but a costly one to us!

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Dupuy etc.

You are right to caution me; the book does not address tactical fighting qualities so much as the virtues of the General Staff System. I will of course not send that note to Marshall.

① Can you elaborate just what would be needed to forge the "General Staff"?

② What is the evidence of superior soldiering on the Soviet front?

In your own efforts at Reform, I hope you include some attention to stratagems --- cf. attached note.

Yours
Josh.

Thank you for lending me the book