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Mr. G. O. Ekstedt
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Dear Mr. Ekstedt:

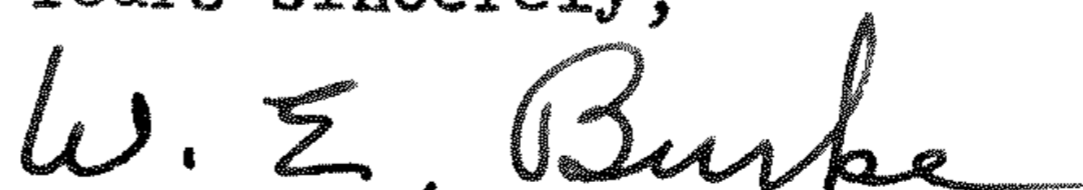
The DEW Line story told on the following pages is a story you helped write as a member of the Bell System team responsible for the planning and construction of this history-making project. It is a pleasure to present this booklet to you in recognition of the hard work and dedication to the job that enabled us to complete the project in the very short time of 32 months.

As you know, the system was finished on schedule and turned over to the Air Force on July 31, 1957. Two weeks later, on August 13, Mr. H. D. Lohman and I had the privilege of representing you at a ceremony at Point Barrow, Alaska, which formally commissioned the system for operation. The high spot of that ceremony was the presentation of a certificate, prepared by the Air Force and signed by its Secretary, which commended Western Electric and its employees in glowing terms for the job we did on the DEW Line. One of my most satisfying duties in connection with our defense work was to accept the commendation in your behalf. I wish that all who had a part in this work could have been present to hear the words of praise we received.

After taking a tour of the DEW Line, a prominent editor wrote: "Nowhere has man undertaken so difficult a construction job." Only those who have been intimately associated with the project can know the full extent of the difficulties our people overcame, the hardships they endured and the intense effort they applied to build these electronic outposts in the unexplored Arctic. May I add my own words of thanks and praise to all who had a part in it. It was a grand job by a fine team, and it has been a pleasure to work with you.

Included in the following pages is a copy of the certificate of appreciation presented to us by the Air Force, a certificate we presented to the Air Force commemorating completion of the project, some photographs of typical sites and scenes and descriptive material. I hope you will enjoy having this material to add to your personal recollections of an unusual and rewarding experience.

Yours sincerely,



W. E. BURKE
Vice President