

IRVING BERLIN

January 27, 1942

Lieut. General H. H. Arnold
Chief of the Army Air Forces
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I have your letter of January 23, and of course nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to write a song worthy of the United States Army Air Forces. However I wouldn't like to make any definite promise until I felt I had the right song.

I am coming to Washington, late Thursday, so I wonder if it would be possible for me to see you sometime on Friday?

Sincerely yours,

Irving Berlin

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*Col. Shelburne took
Mr. Berlin to Bolling Field
for a complete inspection trip.
Also a 2 hour ride in a B-18.
He rode as co-pilot and fired
the forward machine gun. Lunch
thrilled and promises two (2) good
songs. 1/30/42*