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December 5, 1941.

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Reverend M. J. Bouterse, II,
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Carlisle, Kentucky.

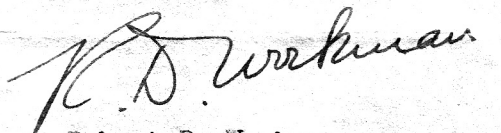
My dear Bouterse:

Thank you for your letter of
December 3.

Recognizing the push you are in with
reference to your present charge and the responsibilities
connected therewith, we will recommend that you be appointed
as of January 2, 1942, and that you will be ordered immediately
thereafter to report for active duty. No decision has yet
been reached as to where you will perform that duty, but we
trust that this arrangement will enable you to meet all of your
responsibilities to the congregation of which you are at
present pastor and also help them to adjust themselves for
your departure, which is to take place early in 1942.

We are gratified that you are qualified
physically now for the appointment and will be happy to
welcome you into the Chaplain Corps.

Cordially,



Robert D. Workman,
Captain, Chaplain Corps, USN.
Head of Chaplains' Division.