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Dear Bob and Cora:

I received a letter <sup>yesterday</sup> from my cousin, George Mosse Norton telling me about a recent book about General Lee; Lee-The Last Years by Charles Bracelen Flood, 1981, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. I quote from his letter: "It is about Robert E. Lee's life after the surrender at Appomatox Court House in 1865. It is most interesting and I believe both you and Blackie would enjoy reading it. In the middle of the book are several pictures of Lee, members of his family etc. But one struck me in particular, copy of which I have enclosed. As you will see, it states that this is the only photograph, wartime or postwar that shows Lee with a group of his generals. Brigadier General Alexander R. Lawton is shown in the picture. If our Lawton cousins are not aware of this picture, they no doubt will be glad to learn of it. If you have contact with one of them you may want to pass the information along."

The caption under the picture states "Taken in 1869 at the White Sulphur Springs resort in West Virginia now known as the Greenbrier, this is the only photograph, wartime or postwar, that shows Lee with a group of his generals." It then goes on to name the generals and other officials in the picture. It gives the source of the picture

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as Valentine Museum, Richmond, Virginia

I would send you the zerox copy of the picture from the book, but it is ~~so~~ <sup>in</sup> poor quality that it is not worthwhile to send to you. I hope that I can secure a better copy for you. I have called my Mall Branch Library, and they do have the book, but it is out on loan right now, however, she took a reservation request for me---and as soon as it is returned they will hold for me and call and let me know. However, in the meantime, perhaps Lucile Muir's Hilton Head Library may have a copy, which you could see sooner. Also, perhaps you or some other members of the family may already have a copy of the original photograph---but, at any rate I thought it was information worthwhile to ~~let~~ <sup>enough</sup> the family historian know about. I know how thrilled I would be if a good photograph of my War Between The States grandfather were obtainable for the family books; so anyway, I hereby pass it on, & as soon as I have access to the book, will zerox the photograph and send on to you. If you Lawton s do not have a copy of the photograph, a letter to the Valentine Museum, w/request to please have the photograph copied for the Lawton family might be worthwhile.

Hope you all have not had too bad a summer. It has just started to rain here, and hopefully perhaps the dreadful heat we have all been having may improve. Unfortunately, I am facing the possibility of 2 major surgery operations. Lane Reeves is going to remove my 2nd cataract from the left eye on Nov. 2, and next Thursday I have an appointment w/ Dr. German to see if he will do a 2nd total hip operation on me---not too cheerful thoughts---but other than that we are doing fine!!! ---love to you both.

PS Please excuse how my eyes are quivering. Jimmie Black