

August 20, 1979

Mr. Edward Lorey
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Dear Ed:

This letter is for the record, in confirmation of conversation with Bob Doudell of your office while you were on vacation. "PRIVATE BENJAMIN" undoubtedly will be a funny picture, especially with Goldie Hawn playing Benjamin; however, the story contains many negative aspects for the Army, e.g., the exaggerated or false recruiting pitch, unrealistic sequences in basic training and the portrayal of the General with his "Private Army" and his advances to the ladies.

As we believe you can produce the film without Army assistance, the producer undoubtedly would not want to make extensive script changes necessary to qualify it for approval. If you need technical information, do not hesitate to call the Los Angeles Office of the Army.

Sincerely,

DONALD E. BARUCH
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Dear Don:

Per our conversation today, enclosed are 2 copies of the Warner Bros.' script presently entitled "PRIVATE BENJAMIN". As I told you on the phone, this is an outrageous comedy and I hope no one will take offense.

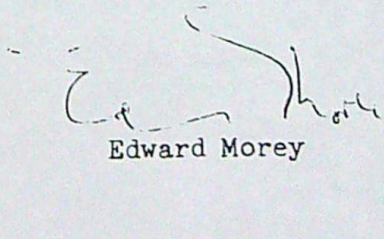
We certainly can use your help on this picture, and I hope your people can see their way clear to give us an okay. I presume they might have some suggested changes and if they do, please address them to me and I will pass them along to the producers of the picture.

As I also mentioned to you, I will be going on vacation this Thursday and in my absence my assistant, Bob Doudell, will follow through with any letter that you send me, or any phone calls.

It was nice talking with you today, Don. It's been a long time since we have chatted.

My best regards.

Sincerely,


Edward Morey

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cc: Bob Doudell



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