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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Dear Dr. Allen:

I thought you might like to know that I have recently become a father and that I have received my commission in the Naval Reserve. The baby, a little boy, came on Sunday, July 19, and he and Isabel came home from the hospital the day before yesterday. Both are feeling fine.

I have been ordered to report to San Francisco on August 10 for training, and later to San Diego for further instruction, and finally, if I complete my training satisfactorily, back to San Francisco, from which base I will go to sea. The doctor thinks that Isabel and the baby will be able to travel to Topeka, where they will stay with her parents, soon after I leave. It will be hard for us to be separated, but we both feel I am doing what I ought to do.

I am very grateful to you for writing me a letter of recommendation. Sincerely, Outher Voso