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Dear Bill:

I find that it has been nearly a month since you wrote me and I expected to answer your good letter within a week after I received it. I have not been too busy but have been kept pretty much on the go. Summer school took eight weeks, and with my teaching and the recreation program it kept me very busy. Since then I have been taking things rather deliberately, coming to the office to do the necessary work and then slipping out to play golf in the afternoons.

We have had wonderful weather; in fact, resort weather has prevailed the whole summer with the exception of a week or ten days. The fairways and the greens are lovely at the Country Club. However, the labor problem is the distressing one. The crab grass has made its inroads on the greens and the members have resorted to asking volunteers to come out in the evenings and help rid the greens of the crab grass. This has been partially successful, but only yesterday Mr. Otto Barteldes told me that they have gotten down to one man on their employed staff, and then they employed two others to help him. Then this one man, who had told them he was going to quit, reconsidered and wanted to work, but said that he would not work with the other two fellows that were coming on. So they let him go since he said he was already to quit and they hired the two new fellows. I imagine that the two new ones will stay until day after tomorrow!

I think they have had at least twenty men in the last two months. The Sunflower Ordnance Works pays 95¢ an hour for common labor, and this appeal has taken most of the help, both male and female, out of Lawrence.

The Navy mechanics are located in Frank Strong Hall (Administration building) on the entire top floor and the west end of the second floor. It looks rather unusual to see the Navy brig over in a concrete building. Sentries are on duty and all lights are out at 9 o'clock. They say that they have a thousand beds here but many of them are not filled. In fact, I think about half of them are unused, but the fact that they have a thousand beds here naturally leads one to presume that Uncle Sam is not a poor economist and he must plan on using them somehow.

The University is accepting students on the Army and Navy reserve plan. They let the student enlist and let him continue his work here, but when he graduates or flunks out he is immediately in the Army or Navy, as the case may be. I believe we will have a fair enrollment under that plan because the 17, 18 and 19 year old boys who are graduating from high school will be coming into the University and they realize that as soon as elections are over this fall all of these boys will be subject to the draft. And of