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Dear Eskie:

Thanks for your recent letter. I assure you there was no desire for a commission. I merely mentioned the fact that the Chancellor had brought up the point that he had only released men who had been offered commissions. Personally, I think there is a greater advantage without a commission in working with higher ranking officers than with one.

Now, I am writing you hoping that you can answer some of my questions directly.

I am working under no delusions, namely, that if I left without the permission of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor, I would not expect to return here. Therefore, it is necessary that I know some things. Considering all these factors, I am seriously considering the proposition of the Army Athletic Branch.

Would the fair compensation, mentioned in your wire, for the three months period be in line with the pro rata yearly salary of the civilian consultant?

The present date, October 9, would call for some clarifications of the situation soon to enable people to get ready by November 1. Are you still planning on November 1 as your starting date?

Are you satisfied with the responses from other contacts that you have made regarding recruiting of civilian consultants for overseas work, and has the progress of overseas forces delayed your starting date?