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Dear Doctor Allen,

It has been a long time, and I suppose it seems longer than it has really been, since I've heard from Lawrence or even been there. Don tells me I wouldn't know the place now, and that is bad news.

He's working for North American in Kansas City as a perspective engineer. He draws plans for B'25s, and likes it very much. Because of his osteomyelitis he is a long time 4-F. In fact, I doubt it they will ever take him.

I just got thru Midshipman's School at Abbott Hall in Chicago in March, and have pretty soft duty right now. However I don't believe this will last over another month or so--it's really more of a training period than anything else. Before that I got into a couple of invasions in the Mediterranean on a PC as an enlisted man.

My sister, Jean, has been out of school over a year now, and has been working in Kansas City and Topeka. She was grinding radio crystals in Kansas City for a year--and was averaging about 12 hours a day 7 days a week until we finally talked her out of it because of what it was doing to her eyes and nerves. She is working on the Topeka Capital right now.

She has to go to school this coming year or I'm afraid she'll never make it, and Don and I can both help her get by. We both had a lot of help ourselves when we were going to school, but she wouldn't consider it unless she was working part of her way right now anyway. She is a good typist, and a very conscientious worker, and I thought that maybe you could tell me someone she might see or send an application to.

Just on the outside chance that you might know of something, and she should apply immediately her address is 317 West 13th, Topeka, Kansas. I would certainly appreciate any tips or advice. She has been considering Washburn, but neither Don or I can see that, and I know she would much rather go to K. U. if it were possible.

The other junior officer on the ship is Bob Hayes, who played for Iowa State until a bum knee put him out his last year. I told him he should have had you work on it. I remember you had quite a number of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma athletes taped and glued together while I was in school.