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Dear Doc:

This letter to you may seem remote or far-fetched, but possibly you can help me, as I would like to have a letter of recommendation from you.

At the present time I am in the service of the Navy, and just recently it has become possible for an enlisted man to be accepted for Officer's Training. My record in the Navy is clean, and I have several Officers who are willing to recommend me for Officer's Training; however, I need several letters of recommendation from the High School and University I attended as well as from other people of prominent position.

I believe what the Navy is mostly interested in is a person's physical aptitude, personality, leadership, character, calmness and ability to give as well as receive orders.

I was enrolled in the University from 1932 to 1938, with some time out for an operation. I was active in intramural sports, and reported for Varsity track; however I was operated on for appendicitis before I was able to earn my letter. I knew Dr. Naismith well and also Mr. Elwell, who was at that time director of intramurals. I belonged to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and was active in campus politics. I went out for Freshman basketball, but then I was working and not able to keep up with it, much to my regret. I knew your daughter Jane very well and also Milton. Mrs. Naismith, formerly Mrs. Kincaid, was our housemother during my last two and a half years at the University. You could ask any of these people about me.

I realize that during this part of the year you are probably very busy with your team, and haven't much time to inquire about someone; however, I will certainly appreciate anything you can do for me in the way of a letter of recommendation.

I hope you the best of success with your team this year. Also, give my regards to Jane and Mit.

Yours very truly,

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