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Dear Phog:

I appreciated very much your letter of February 8th in which you cautioned me about taking care of myself better. I have been trying to do that over here and have pretty well succeeded. A report did get out that I would be in the hospital for two months with bursitis. I was back on full duty in 25 days. When I had a similar case in my right shoulder 18 years ago I was 6 weeks getting out of Walter-Reed. So I think I must be in pretty good general health.

At any rate I am still giving Rotary addresses and speaking to other organizations. I think Angus Mitchell has heard my talk on "Those --- Japanese" 26 times. I am on for a short talk on the 4th July at a theatre here.

My contacts are pretty much everybody from the Prime Minister down, all in all its a very healthy existence.

I took time off to visit Manila with the retiring Minister, Mr. Johnson, and it was a rich experience.

I enjoy the Jayhawk Rebound very much, though I find I do not know too many of the people you mention.

The Australian football season is on here and showing extremely good form. Much better than previous years due, I think, to the return of certain soldiers and less control by the manpower authorities. I do like the Australian game. Meanwhile if you continue to play the American game, chalk up another victory over Nebraska. I wasted a lot of perspiration and cheering trying to stimulate victory over that team during my five years at K.U.

I have no late word of my boy, and do not know whether he ever reached Japan or not. Members of my family are all well otherwise and I still have some hopes of Mrs. Baldwin coming out, though I am not too optimistic of the Department approving of such a visit.