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Dr. F. C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen,

After several unavoidable delays, I examined Ed Rickel today. Except for second degree flat feet with metatarsalgia, he is in good condition.

On the basis of his physician's request, I am recommending no gym this semester. It should be only a matter of a short time before he is in the Army where he can exercise his feet. He is now wearing arch support shoes which, in my opinion, benefit no one except the manufacturer. I have recommended metatarsal bars, elevate heels on inside, and foot exercise.

It occurred to me that if we did not have a war occasionally to put men on their feet we would finally degenerate into a race of seals, with flippers for feet.

Sincerely,

Ralph I. Canuteson
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Director

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