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Dear Lacy:

It was good of you to write me as you did on September 5. Thanks for reminding me of our conversation. I remember that well, but did not want to bother you with added detail regarding Mit.

Mit is getting along splendidly with the Hercules Powder Company. He has a fine offer from the government for a location in Philadelphia. It sounds a little odd for his years, but Dean Moreau recommended him for the job and they have written. He thinks he will take it if the financial arrangements can be made. Dean Moreau thinks he has a fine future and Mit is using this Hercules job as a stepping stone. It certainly gives him fine experiences and lots of contacts that can be helpful to him in later years.

However, if you do get a chance, the big boss out there is George Foulke, the plant manager. He is hard-boiled and cusses the boys right and left when they show inefficiency. Mit has never met him and it certainly wouldn't do Mit any harm at least for Mr. Foulke to hear Mit's name mentioned. Foulke joined Rotary here in Lawrence the other week and I had the pleasure of meeting him, but of course did not mention anything about Mit being out there. Foulke married one of the DuPonts. His classification was foreman, and he looks the part, but they say he is as wise as a mink.

He went in one of the departments, asked the head about his job, talked to him a while, and then walked over to the fellow's secretary and began asking her questions. The head went over and interposed an answer here and there, and Foulke brushed him aside and said, "Never mind, I am getting the information I want." This was the department of investigation. Three days after that the fellow was fired. The fellow who got fired wrote back to Wilmington about it and they replied that he was now on his own. The fellow had to go to work two stations under the job he had and he is now working for the fellow that had worked for him.

The fellow who is more directly over Milton than Mr. Foulke is Mr. Skelton, superintendent of plant protection. There was a Mr. Wilson in Mr. Skelton's place, but Wilson was transferred for efficiency, and not for inefficiency.