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Dear John:

I talked to Mr. Neal Wherry, a member of the Douglas County draft board. These are the things that I learned from him. When a selectee takes his first screening test he will have ten days or two weeks to report for his examination before induction. This examination, for the convenience of the selectee, can be taken at the most convenient place. In your case it could be taken at Denver, or Leavenworth, or near your home town, which I imagine is Peoria.

After this examination at any of these places if the selectee so desires he can ask for a leave which is two weeks, to get ready for his final induction. Now, this is the thing I am saying to you, John. If you should get notice to report for your examination you could come to Lawrence and then go to Leavenworth, and if you passed you would have two weeks to go to Beardstown to visit before your final induction.

Personally, I do not believe that you will be drafted on account of the defect in your lungs which occurred in your early childhoods. If you would present to the examining officers at Leavenworth the letters that you received from the hospital I am sure they would have a very definite result in your case.

I talked to Mr. Wherry yesterday afternoon and he gave me this information, which is general information for any selectee. If you care to act upon this I am very happy to help you. You can understand doubtless why I was greatly surprised at your going to Colorado for a vacation, especially when the demands upon the workers is so great to complete the government industry. And too, I imagine that you are not overburdened with a bank account.

I have been trying to advise you as a parent would advise his own child. If you do not pass the physical there is still an opportunity for you to enroll in the correspondence course and to become eligible for basketball this winter, if you seize upon the opportunity immediately after your rejection. As I told you, I am