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Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your friendly letter; I must apologize for taking your time this way but there are still some things I would like to know about the possibilities of my becoming a trainer.

I am at present in business with my father and as I said have a fairly good outlook. However, I have been dissatisfied for some time and would like to get into this other type of work if I could be assured of making a living. Don't misunderstand me, I am willing and convinced that a man must work to support a family but I am in a rut and want a chance to get a little fresh air and exercise and try to make ends meet too, I think it can be done. This attitude has not been a result of wartime help shortages and difficulties in the drug store.

My experience in athletics has been mostly as a spectator. I won three major letters in golf at the University of Iowa and played a little basketball in high school, otherwise I don't qualify as a trainer according to your philosophy except that I am fond of athletics and physical fitness.

I hope this gives you a better idea of myself and that you can give me a more definite answer as to how I should proceed. Perhaps you would advise me to wait until after the war or try to get into this line in case I enter the service. I have done a great deal of thinking about it and am in no particular hurry, just impatient to get started if you think I can make a go of it. I would want an idea of how long it would take to learn,