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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I am most anxious to get a little confidential information on my son, Monte, and wonder if I can again impose upon your kindness. From his letters, I gather that you are more familiar with his affairs and habits than anyone else, and can probably best give me the information I seek.

I am particularly interested in knowing whether or not Monte's conduct during the present school year has been satisfactory, and whether or not he has shown any improvement over last year; also, about his financial affairs. His replies to my inquiries about money matters are rather evasive - he does not complain, but fails to answer frankly, which is unlike him and which has given me some cause for concern. It may be that by requesting more money, he feels he might deprive me. I do want him to learn to stand on his own feet, but I certainly do not want him to suffer discomfort for lack of necessities if a little extra money can prevent it, but hesitate to press this sort of thing too much lest it prove to be bad logic.

Would you be good enough to let me have your candid opinion of this young man, together with whatever suggestions you think advisable? I would appreciate it more than I can say - also, if you would please keep this letter confidential.

Believe me, for all your courtesies to Monte and myself,

Gratefully yours,

*Mrs Marion Merkel.*

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