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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Doctor Allen:

I was out of the city when your letter arrived and this is my first opportunity to reply.

On my arrival this morning I called up my friends at the American Optical Company and explained to them that it was absolutely necessary for them to get for us a microscope of the type you designated for our college laboratory requirements. My friend down there explained again at length what a headache they're having this year over microscopes. He claims that they are very seriously concerned over the prospect of their being unable to fill the orders of Northwestern, Chicago University and certain of the other schools. I called his attention to the fact that inasmuch as they will be short in these orders anyway, one less scope wouldn't make serious difference to those folks and that it was very important to me. He took down the numbers of the microscope and sub-stage lamp, etc., and told me that he would try his best to get one for me. I feel sure that he will be able to do it.

I am wondering how soon Bobby will have to have this; it may be a week or ten days before I can get action on it, but I don't think it will be any longer. Since dictating the foregoing, I notice in your letter that Bobby will enroll in Philadelphia in the middle of September. That will mean he could afford to wait as long as two weeks and I will proceed on that assumption.

You inquired about Hub, Sr's address - you can always reach him here in care of the College. At the present time he is in New York on missionary work for me; I borrowed his services from the auditor by whom he has been employed and who is a good friend of mine. Our enrollment has been so hard hit by the draft, that we are making an intrinsic drive to build up our class for this fall. We received a great many applications from prospective students in the New York area, including New Jersey, Connecticut and other adjoining states, so we decided to send a man back there for