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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I want to thank you for the quick action you took in an effort to get an extension of time for me in my correspondence work. I appreciate it very much but guess there isn't a chance. I have a letter this morning from Miss Kenney telling me that it was practically impossible. I didn't feel that my request was out of reason, under the circumstances.

You know, when the Shell Corporation closed their refinery down here at ARKANSAS City, my father lost his position. He is working now but it may only be temporary, and at the same time my mother took a substantial cut in her salary, so I felt that every extra cent I could earn would help the situation out that much. I really needed the money and that is why I took all the hours I could get. It hasn't been such a snap working and studying all summer, but I guess, summing it up, it is my fault that I had to study this summer, not theirs.

I am going down to see my boss this afternoon and turn in my resignation and think I will be able to quit tomorrow unless he should think it was necessary for me to break some one in but I think some one else can do that. And I'll do everything humanly possible to get all my work in before I go back to school and be ready to take my quiz by the 21st of September, which Miss Kenney intimated was the dead line.

I really appreciate the interest you have shown in me and all the trouble you have gone to for me and I hope this fall and winter you will feel that it has not been in vain. I plan on being up there about the 11th and so it will not be long until I will see you. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bruce*

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