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Dear Mr. Simons:

As it may be some time before I can enjoy another discussion and pleasant visit with you, I am writing to express my appreciation of your courtesy and your high sense of civic duty. I know that you will continue to use your great influence in the manner which will lend likelihood that an informed citizenry will have an increasing sense of participating responsibility of their duties under our representative republic system of government, to the end that popularly chosen officers will serve the common purposes for which the sovereign people raise their government -- a humble but dynamic government of free people.

I have volunteered for military service at great expense and inconvenience but which, after all, seems little enough. No reason clearly appeared why my boys should go and I should not. The choice was for the Government. However, due to the highly specialized nature of my assignment, my tour of military duty may be of short duration.

Yours is a much greater responsibility, and opportunity for preserving service. It would be of little purpose to win military success in battles, unless we can be assured that our civil institutions will remain strong and free. An able and diligent press seriously striving for impartial, constructive criticism is one of the greatest forces to wholesome, considered, evolutionary progress, and the strongest bulwark against