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Dear Dr. Tate,

I'm sorry I haven't written you sooner but better late than never. As you probably have noticed I'm in ASTP at N.Y.U. I'm in Term III Electrical Engineering.

I guess I owe you an account of myself for the time following my departure from Harvard.

My first stop was Penn State where I completed term II ASTRP. There I did very well, finishing top in a class of about 30 white fellows.

My second stop was Ft. McClellan, Ala. where I suffered through 15 weeks of Infantry

Basic. Queen has kept you informed of Basic I presume. Although we weren't in the same Training Battalion we, no doubt, received the same training except for a few minor particulars.

From McClellan I came here Jan 3rd along with six of seven Negroes out of my Battalion who graduated for ASTP. One, Jostes Villa (a Harvard student) went to the Univ. of Mich. for advanced

toasting in Sanitary Engineering. The six
that came here are in Electrical Engineering, two
in term II and the other four (including me) in
term III. One of the boys in term III has a B.A. from
Dartmouth College in Chemistry! The reason he was
out in term III ~~was~~ is that he did not have
Engineering Drawing. In fact, Dr. Tate, about
three fourths of the class have had one or more
years in civilian college. Although all of the
"stuff" is new to me, I'm staying in step with
them and in a lot of cases doing better.

Dr. Tate, I'm interested in joining the "Promethians".
Green has sent me the last two publications which
I have found very interesting. Please send me
an application if possible.

If you see any of my former professors, please
tell them I said hello.

You can tell any of the Reserve that to qualify
for ASTP they must have at least two terms of ASTP.
Any civilian student that can qualify for term II,
that is, he has credit for subjects given in term I+II,
also has a chance of getting ASTP.

I've got to beat it out to the Saturday inspection
now.

Sincerely,
Paul