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Dear Dr. Johnson:

Please forgive this brief note, but when you're in an O.C.S. you don't get much time for writing. I promise you some news notes and observations on the life here in the not-too-far future. It is very stimulating living. It would be grueling for a man 20 year younger than I am (the kid who sleeps next to me is 18), but so far I've been holding up. I'll be a physical specimen when, as, and if I come out of here with a commission.

I will say that the teaching is excellent, although I cannot agree, in principle, with all that is said. When I see you again, I would like to suggest some ways Army teaching methods can be of use to us at the University. The Army has corralled a lot of really high-powered specialists—hard-thinking and hard-working young men—they have monopolies of time, money, and material. They have the yen for and unlimited men for experimentation and progressive development. They are really going places. We must devote their advances to the arts of a peaceful and uplifting world.

But this letter is not to preach. It is to beg. Somehow, in the excitement of talking to you again, my real purpose got sidetracked the last time I saw you. I meant to try to get you to tell me what's going to happen next year to the Student Development program. I think it is terribly important that it maintain continuity and be pushed along through here.

Not being there, I'm naturally worried about it. May I respectfully ask you to answer a few questions for me as soon as you can get around to it? (Please refer to my last letter for particulars.)

1. Is there a good round sum in the budget for the Assembly and radiating activities? Is there some faculty member to push it?
2. Have you checked on Miss Marjorie Jackson and can you bring yourself to follow my recommendation concerning her—namely ask the Scholarship Committee and the Cashier to continue her in her old job because of her uniqueness and specialization?
3. Can you get someone to help the students generally to consolidate their activities—someone who knows them and whom they like.

I was very much flattered today to return from a long hike and Obstacle Course and find a request from the new Pres. Of the Student Council that I write the letter to new students on behalf of the Committee for Welcoming Freshmen.

Please write me soon if you possibly can.

Good luck and good vacation,
John Lovell, Jr.