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Dear J. V.

The blanks you ordered sent out to me have arrived and I am keeping a look-out for prospects for you. Yesterday I talked to Kenneth Watson and learned that he would be interested in working for you when he finishes in March. There is, however, a hitch--he has already agreed to work in the Naval Research Labs. He has not signed a contract but has sent a confirming telegram. I am not sure whether or not this binds him. He has filled out one of the blanks and I am sending it to you to do with as you see fit. You recall he would be of little assistance experimentally but is a darn good theoretical man. If you are not interested in him it may be well to tell him that he is bound by his telegraphic agreement with the Naval Research Labs.

The second quarter is under way and the enrollment is holding up pretty well. Max Oldham is getting a pretty good offer to stay here so would not be interested in D. C. as I at first thought--he was out of town at the time I wired you.

I havent seen Gert yet so I dont know if you contacted him or not. I cant think of anyone with Gert's qualifications. Did you get someone?

Lura and Lavona are darning clothes for the sailors this afternoon.

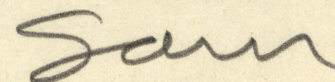
I say Lonseth today and it looks like he will be with us here for awhile at least. He's feeling pretty good again now.

I was surprised to hear that you didnt know that Beecher was married. He surprised us all.

In the card we got from Cliff Berry and wife they indicated that they are expecting in July. According to his letters Bill Stone is doing ok in the Sig. Corps.

Well, there isnt much more in the line of news but I would like to know what you think of the report I sent you on the disposition of materials under our contract here. Dean Gaskill has asked about your reaction and I think it would be ok for you to write him about it soon. Im sure you got the one page listing with our bid for the materials.

Sincerely yours



Sam Legvold/