

Sent by air mail

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Dear Colin:

I wrote to you about ten days ago urging you to arrange it somehow so that you could come home in case you are not feeling up to snuff and pointing out that there could be no question of retirement as long as the war lasted. I believed that the University would take that attitude and I certainly would fight for it.

However, I have had a letter today from James which must be part of a general conclusion as to the University's attitude and calling my attention to the University statutes in regard to age and stating that no notification will be sent to you until you return from overseas.

The reason that I write you this is that I might be powerless to prevent the University from enforcing the rule should you return. If you do do so, I certainly will make every effort to have the time extended, at least until the end of the war. This much I can promise, but I wanted to write you so that you will not think that I am promising more than I can do, as perhaps I did in my last letter. I have had no communication with the University in regard to any such thing and felt sure that sleeping dogs would be allowed to lie. It seemed to me that perhaps this letter of James might influence you in some decision.

Is there any way under heaven that you can induce Bill to write a letter, even if you have to resort to hypnosis? Things move along here about the same. Of course we are very much worried about the situation in Greece and northern Africa.

My love to all the boys,

As ever yours,

WGP/AD