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Dear Daddy and Mother,

Today the assistant home [ec?] dean gave us our credentials and we have to start filling them out immediately. In addition to 7 recommends from faculty members here, I have to have four letters of recommendations from people from my home. I thought of using George Selke Mr. Gough [Had?] Wittmayer.

How about that? Can you suggest anyone else? I thought of Mr. Baldwin but we're advised not to use minister names because most business men are prejudiced by anything concerning religion.

Shall I write to there new [nupely?] What is Selke's address? And his present job and title? He ought to be a good recommend. Think of someone else we know-no relatives-whose name I could use, someone important.

We're going to vacate Oak Hall by government orders to make room for army and/or navy men who are going to be trained here in engineering. We'll be housed in 3 or 4 fraternity houses-most of them will be vacant by the end of this quarter because many men have left for service.

We don't know when we'll have to move-it may be April 1, before or after. But we've been asked to send home as much as possible so, being as how I'll have to travel light from now or until I get settled in a job, expect a box or 2 from me soon.

Thanks for the dress and all the food you've been sending me. We sure like the food and the dress looks great. I like it very much.

One thing I've learned in filling out my credentials is that you simply must have had working experience while in college in order to be able to impress an employer with your ability to work for people. It's just a good thing I've done all this extra journalism work on the Student etc, because that's experience to an employer, or editor. I wish I could just down some summer jobs in journalism too, but I can't so I'll have to get along without it. But [Coumis edu?] profit by this planning here summers accordingly while she still in school.

Please let me know about the recommendations as soon as possible because I want to get my credentials in rightaway. People are already asking for June graduates.

Your letter just came, I wouldn't settle in New York. I just want to work there for a year or so and get some good experience. I intend to live most of my life in the Middle West. And it will be at least two years before Fred comes back and begins to study medicine and in the meantime I couldn't be near him anyway. I think it'd be good for me to get far away where I don't have any relatives. I intend to come home after awhile-home to the Middle West, I mean.

As I said in my last letter + in this one, I think Connie simply must get some sort of job this summer. She ought to have that experience. I'm so glad Eleanor is changing so much. It's a good thing her back could be taken care of right away.

Love,

Virginia