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Dear Yarmon,

Last night I got a letter from ML with two queries for you. One, the pay and dependency bill was answered. Schubert sent you the stuff. Incidentally, after getting your letters this morning I spoke to him and asked ~~in~~ him to send anything he might have for you to Max after Friday.

The other query was about the college student stuff. The answer to that is there apparently nothing to equal the Navy program, which approximates scholarships. The Army, however, working on the theory that the student, educated, is of more value to them, does allow those about to be drafted to stay in college in the Enlisted reserve Corps until they finish. There is no subsidy or salary, however,

On your first letter of July 27:

I personally answered the questions about prospective drafted enlisting the other day. You'll find it in the reports. As for advantages: YOU stated the only "advantage".

About transfers: This is the policy. The army wants a man where he can do most good. They are against whimsical transfers but for those with good reasons behind them, like a skilled navigator, after being drafter, wanting to go into one of the marine services. They facilitate his release for such purposes. What such a person does is to go to his CO and make the request. If he is better qualified than he can do it. However, with respect to internal transfers: if there is a shortage of artillerymen, a skilled bugler does stand much chance of transfer to the band. Get the idea? It's based on immediate needs, in addition to the above. With respect to the air corps and such like, you must bear in mind that to train a man here the Army must invest at least \$15,000.00 per, and they ain't likely to P.s that away, Ditto for the armored, on a smaller scale. It

costs about \$40,000.00 per for the bombers.

Thatbtakes care of the first letter.

Your second letter of Monday:About Volunteer Officer Candidates: Yes, they are ordered to active duty. Their salaries? Depends on what they go in as, they continue to get the same. No extra provision for dependents aside from the \$10,000.00 for dependents of Air Corps Cadets.

Charts and all the other stuff in next to last paragraph already sent to ML. New photos you might be able to use being released in few days and I have made arrangements for them to be sent direct to ML, because they might get lost going to you.

Re the medical and surgeon-general information you wanted. Col Gardner, press officer, is going to send you whatever they can, after checking the material to see that at least as of today it is accurate. This is especiallt true of the list if offices, because they shift constantly. They'd like an explanation of that included. He is checking up to see if there will be any other exams in the near future and if there are will apprise you. There wont be a map, by the way, but he will send you a list. *his sending some other stuff, too.*

In the event there is any holdup on this stuff he'll send it to you ML.

We're up to date again. Phew, you guys dont know what you are doing to me, unless you are reading the weather reports from Washington, and even they can't give adequate descriptions.

Yours

Harold Weisberg