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Dear Mother:-

The vacation is over, and it has been a great success. Jake and I had a swell meal at his house dining room. Afterwards, when we were starting out to take a walk, we ran into Alfred Brenholts, formerly of Newark. He is now a Freshman at Harvard, but doesn't expect to stay long, for scholastic reasons. Jake didn't know he was there until one day he walked through the gate at the stadium where Jake was taking tickets. He walked with us, and later came up and had dinner in the house with us. We talked about Newark and all the people we knew. Alfred asked us over to the Harvard Union, where the Freshmen eat, for dinner Saturday, which we did.

On Friday I met Francis Dame at 10 o'clock above the subway station at Harvard Square, and he conducted me out to Tufts. I'm certainly glad he was there to take me, as I don't think I could ever have found the way myself. I was very pleased with the Fletcher School. The buildings of Tufts itself are rather old and very unattractive, but the dormitory where the Fletcher students are housed is new and quite comfortable. Although Francis' room is cheaper, it is better than the one I had in North Mass. It has a bid study room, with two desks and four chairs furnished by the college, and a separate bed room for each of the occupants. Francis' room mate is a fellow named Frechtling, from Hamilton, Ohio. He is a graduate of Miami, and lived in the Phi Delt house at the same time Jimmy Cunningham lived there. He also knew Irwin Weston and Darline

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Larason. He is quiet and studious, but Francis says he is so used to being the king pin at Miami it's a little hard for him to get used to the competition from other good students.

Francis took me to one of his classes. It was in International Organization and taught by Prof. Friedrich, acting head of the Government Dep't. at Harvard. He is a German, and his class was very interesting. I was impressed by the amount of talent they have on the faculty there. Almost every one is well known in his special field. In the afternoon, Francis took me to meet the Dean. He was very pleasant, talked intellegently about Ohio, as he was an undergraduate in some little college in Richmond, Ind., and talked about the work at the Fletcher School. He spoke of the closer cooperation with Harvard which has been effected. This year the students at the Fletcher School have the privilege of taking any courses they wish at Harvard at no additional cost, although the tuition is \$100 higher at Harvard. The Deam said he hoped I would be with them next year. It is surprising the spirit they have there. Of course it is not college spirit like in regular colleges, but a feeling that they are pioneers in a new field, and a desire to do well, so that the school will make a good reputation for itself.

Francis says I ought to be able to get a fellowship without much difficulty. He thinks they are anxious to get more fellows from the good eastern colleges, as most of them now are from the Middle West. I am going to write for application papers before Christmas vacation. I hope everything will work out all right.

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On Saturday, Francis came into Cambridge about two o'clock and took me to the Widener library. Only graduate students are allowed in the stacks, but he got special permission for me. I looked up some books on Africa and The Tripolitan War that I hadn't been able to find in Baker. One book proved very valuable, so I took it out in Francis' name, and have it here in Hanover with me. I will have to send it back in two weeks, as Francis had to put up an awful argument to get it out at all, since it is a rather old book. The library there is truly huge, but of course it is not as new or as pleasant to work in as our library.

Saturday evening I spent reading and talking with Jake. Sunday we started back about 2:30, and got in here at 7:30, without any trouble. It has been a wonderful week-end for me, and not as expensive as I had planned. Francis paid for one of my meals in Medford, and of course Alfred paid for the one we ate at the Union. The meals I ate with Jake at the House only came to \$3.30, and the room was \$4 as I expected. The ride was \$2.50, and incidentals, including a movie in Boston, transportation, etc. came to about \$3. When you consider that food in Hanover would have been a dollar a day, you see it's not so bad.

In my last letter I forgot to tell a some very sad news. My black and white top coat was stolen from the coat room in the library the 22nd. With supreme irony the thief took the gloves out of the pockets and left them on the hat shelf. I reported it to the library authorities, the Sup't. of Buildings, and ~~we~~ even advertised in the Dartmouth, but no use. I guess it's gone for good. Love to all,

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