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Monday -

Dear Dad -

I suppose you are now home from the Twin Cities - back in the grind. I hope you enjoyed your short vacation, and that mother is still enjoying hers. I didn't have your address there until Leah just sent it, so I couldn't write, but I'm writing mother direct.

This is certainly one hot city - frightful. My luck has been rather varied. I wrote that a law recently forbade the Defense Board from employing men of conscriptable age. After this blow I

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have been trying to get under Hoover on the new food commission. I had some good letters to Hoover from Shaw + Dr Day, but Hoover is absolutely inaccessible so my application goes thru the regular channel. I probably won't hear from that for over a week.

La Follette are going to try to fix me up today on the Farm Loan Board. The senator says his influence has been badly crippled, but he is helping me all he can. I had lunch with him and Bob yesterday and with Bob twice last week. I'm going down again this noon - in fact I should be on my way now. There's a bare possibility that I will

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be allowed to take the examination for
assistant Paymaster of the Navy. This was
given June 1st but some were not
notified, and they take it beginning
tomorrow for several days. There are 60
openings, and 10,000 have already taken
the exam - but if they will let me
I want to take it.

I have enough money left to last
me until about Saturday. I wish I
knew just what to do. I'm quite sure
of getting some kind of a job - but
then I'll need money to live on for the
first two weeks, until pay day. If it looks
impossible to get a job, and the paymaster

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thing falls thru. I'll either have to join
the navy or come home. If I join the
navy I would like to be home at Great
Lakes — but from here they would send
me East. During the next few days I
will know definitely what I will have to do.
In the meantime I'm planning on a
position, which I think will come thru
alright.

I'll write again as soon as I find
out anything more. My address for mail is
c/o D.T. Day, 713-19th St - NW - Washington D.C.
Tell Leah this is for her too. Ask her to
rush my Panama Special delivery. I hope it has
already gone — I'm getting in my felt, and can't
buy a straw. Lots of love,
Melvin