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Presidio of San Francisco.

Dear Dr. Sabrin,

Good fortune smiled on me in late Fall as I was returned to the U.S. in rapid succession leave, marriage, and assignment to Letterman General Hospital. Several upon me. While just the first two were by choice, all three have been good things!

I waited until I got my first permanent station in the U.S. before writing to you, something which has been on my mind for lo! these many months. As you remember, you said that you would be glad to send me some slides on the one fatal encephalitis case. I would be most happy...
and grateful if you could send me some sections of brain. Also, I would be most pleased if you could give some indication of the results of the summer's work. You had even mentioned the possibility of collaboration on a paper. If I could help, I would be most pleased to do so.

Dr. Sahlin, I don't believe I've ever thanked you enough for the things I learned from you in Tokyo this past summer. I was introduced into what for me were new and entirely new concepts of neurology, especially in epidemiological neurology. For knowledge thus garnered and ideas thus gained, I am most beholden to you. I'm not one to belittle the contribution of my teachers, for me the "self-made" man does not exist.
and so it is with much gratitude
that I think of those weeks
under your care in Japan.
At Letterman I've been
assigned to the neurosurgical
Service. And as appointments go it
may well turn out to be a
good one. The problems of getting
a civilian residency are now coming up,
for Army discharge comes mildly.
But we'll try to face those
rigors with equanimity.
Do hope this finds you doing
well in both your health and
work.

D. Esiara.