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Dear Joe:

I wonder if I can trouble you for certain information which would be of great help to Buescher. After our first conversation about his assignment, he volunteered not to exercise his prerogative to request permission not to be reassigned until the expected birth of his child on July 20, because he was given to understand that he would be urgently needed in Japan on or about June 1. As it turned out, he was not reassigned in accordance with this arrangement but instead now has orders terminating his duties in Cincinnati on June 15 with an allowance of two weeks vacation if he wants it before reporting at the Army Medical School. Now, if he does take this two weeks vacation and reports to the Army Medical School on July 1 and is not sent out to Japan for a period of at least two weeks, it will only be five days before the expected birth of his child on July 20.

The question that I would like for you to answer, Mr. Anthony, is this: "Is there any way of finding out just when he is likely to be shipped to Japan?" It seems to me that if the urgency of his presence in Japan is so slight that he will not get out there until the end of July or later, it would be awfully nice if he could stay on here until his child is born. Anything that you could do, therefore, to obtain any information on what the plans are for shipping him out to Japan would greatly help him to decide (a) whether or not to take the two weeks vacation which his orders permit, (b) whether or not to request postponement of his new assignment.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

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