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Dr. William H. Gray Jr.
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Dear Dr. Gray:

I know you must be surprised to hear from me. But with a tough Engineering assignment on this desolate rock, in conjunction with the fact of being in the Army, I have not kept up the type of correspondence that I should.

Recently a Vocational Guidance Program for future returning veterans was instigated. I was called in as Assistant Advisor, especially to those having an interest in Agriculture. To my surprise I learned that there are several high school graduates who are anticipating attending some school, or who are indifferent to returning to school at all because of the lapse of time in their education. Naturally as a Fancean I feel the responsibility of interesting not only Floridians but others in the school and its program.

In order to sell the institution and to give that type of guidance that should be given most of these bewildered soldiers, I need information as to the changes made in the curriculum and to any additions that might have been made recently. I am asking that you send me a college catalog or other pertinent data to help in the familiarizing and selling of the school to prospective students soon to be discharged. If it is not too inconvenient send it by Air Mail to expedite time. It would take a ship almost a month and a half to get such data to this island.

Congratulations on your achievement with Fancee. From gathered bits of news from old papers, I have watched your progress with interest. Not only has the securing of appropriations been outstanding, but other publicity features have added much in placing the college higher on the map. Lt. Jones and I often discuss various incidents which have occurred since you took over the reigns. One particular incident was the loss of coaches Bell and Neilson. But with coach Gaither around, Florida will be well represented. Jones also suggested that maybe you have a "cat in the bag".

Speaking of bewildered soldiers, I am in the same category. I have no idea as to my course of action after I get discharged. As you know my business inclinations were interrupted prior to my entrance in graduate school.

So keep me in mind for recommendations when requests for workers in Rehabilitation, Veteran's Administration, Farm Credit and Security Agencies, or research in Agricultural economics are brought to your attention.

Although I am not well known by the family, express for Lt. Jones and me our best wishes for continuous health and happiness.

Sincerely yours,
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