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Professor Harold Cummins  
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Dear Professor Cummins:

I would like to confirm my telegraphic request for a statment concerning my school performance, and to express my appreciation for your having forwarded it to Professor Watson. Your graciousness in making recommendations on several occasions during my career has been a great source of satisfaction to me. In the situations concerned the applications have all been successful with the exception of the probably ill-advised seeking of a Rhodes Scholarship.

My appointment as a Fellow in Medicine at the University of Minnesota has not been absolutely confirmed, but this is awaited. I am happy to return to clinical medicine, and to a situation in which I hope to develop investigative proficiency. My self-estimation of teaching ability is also far from secure, and I'm sure opportunities for exercise at Minnesota will be enlightening.

For some time I have planned a week at Tulane, during the 5 year reunion of my class this October. I had a number of romantic anticipations, including a morning reviewing the Histology and Pathology slide boxes, and a visit with you. This appointment will probably not permit this journey which is a disappointment.

Please accept my kindest regards from afar,

Henry W. Blackburn, Jr. M.D.