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Dear Sumner:

I was all set to 'phone Senator Brewster this morning when Mother began to raise questions which I could not answer and which occasioned her telephoning you this morning. She is disturbed lest your commanding officer might resent my attempt to use political influence and take it out of you by postponing your release date and depriving you of the Captaincy. Then, too, she also asked whether the commanding officer could ignore the order of the War Department should Senator succeed in getting a favorable reaction from that source towards my request for your earlier release. I confess that I could not begin to apply logic to army conditions about which I know nothing and I, therefore, refuse to attempt to reason these things out. We want to do what is best for you obviously but we should hate to think that any attempt on our part would hurt rather than help you.

I did not understand that summer school opened on the 15th of June and that the dead-line of June 24th meant simply that you had a nine day period of grace for admission. As I now understand it, it would be better if you could get out around the 12th of June but if you were released by the 21st you would be admitted. (I just talked to Mother and she says that summer school opens on the 12th). I am so confused that I am just throwing up my hands on that score.

Now as to talking to Brewster, I understand that I am to wait until Sunday in the hopes that he will be at Quinn's affair. If he is, rest assured that I will get his ear and tell him your story. Perhaps by that time you will have cleared up my confusion by telling me when the summer school actually opens and when you can get in there and what happens if you are released on the schedule date of July 3rd. If Brewster is not at this affair, then I shall call him Monday.

So please reply by return air mail.

Affectionately,