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Dear Monsignor:

I have your letter of some weeks ago and should have answered sooner. Am grateful for your continued interest in my welfare.

This will be just a short note to keep you informed on my whereabouts. Was transferred up here last Saturday from Portsmouth. This is the new Naval Hospital at Washington, just outside the District.

Am glad to say that I think I'm improving from week to week. However, at times the progress seems slow. If I could just avoid that occasional "bad" day, I'd feel that I had control of myself again.

It seems definitely decided that I shall not return to active duty. However, I may be facing a considerable period of hospitalization - either here or at St. Elizabeth's, part of which has been taken over by the Navy. Just how long, will depend upon the speed of my improvement, I suppose. I'd do anything to speed it up.

However, unless this nervous condition is much more serious than I realize, I certainly should see the middle West by early Fall. I realize that the hospital at Mason City can't be kept open for me indefinitely. But if I have to start over somewhere, I believe I could do so best in the familiar environment there.

Remember me to any of my friends that may inquire and tell them that I'm reporting progress.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francis J. Churchill,

(Captain, U.S.N.)