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Dear Mr. Niccoll,

Your letter reached me last Friday, and I immediately called Mr. Niles W. Bond to ask him about the scholarship applications. You see, although they appointed me an alternate member of that committee, I have been unable to attend a meeting because of the sitter and transportation business. So I didn't know anything about the arrangements. But Mr. Bond, who is the chairman of the committee, told me that by this time you will have received your copy of the Foreign Service Journal, for February 1950, in which full details are given (on page 24). Mr. Bond was sure that you would need no more information than is given in the Journal, and told me to urge you to apply for a scholarship for your boy. He sounds like a really fine young man, and I hope very much that he will be given a good scholarship. I've heard other people (beside his naturally proud father!) say that Norman is an unusually worthwhile boy.

I wish there were something more that I could do for you and Norman, but since I am only an alternate member of the committee and haven't attended the meetings, I'm afraid I'm not too helpful.

William has been away for a month down in South America, and returned only yesterday afternoon. Laurence and I had to take care of ourselves during that time, and we were very lonesome indeed! Now we hope that he will stay with us "happily ever after", and that we will be able to do our traveling together from now on. How we would love to be able to afford a trip to Arizona!

We both hope to see Norman's name in the Journal when the scholarship awards are made. If there is anything else that you want to know, and which you think I might possibly be able to help you with (being closer to the committee) I hope you won't hesitate to tell me about it.

Our sincere best wishes,