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Mr. Amon G. Carter
Star-Telegram Bldg.
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

When I was at Culver some time ago, Colonel Henderson showed me a copy of the new Guidance Booklet, which had just been printed. It is one of the finest of its kind that I have ever seen, and I prevailed upon the Colonel to let me have a copy. I have shown this copy to about a dozen of my friends who have boys ranging in ages from six to fifteen, and it was really very easy to "make their mouths water" to send their boys to Culver. Two boys have already been enrolled, and four fathers, who have eight sons, have said they will enroll as soon as their boys become eligible.

Because of the pleasure I have had with my copy and the success, too, I recently said to Colonel Henderson, "Why not let me send a copy to the members of The Fathers Association with a letter?" The Colonel said, "Fine!" So your copy is going to you under separate cover. You and your family will get a "kick" out of looking through it.

Now, if I may, I'd like to enlist your help in the proper distribution of the book. You can see that it is expensive, and
we want to make the best possible use of it. Here is how we can accomplish this:

1. Show it personally to everyone possible, particularly, to those who have boys eligible for either summer or winter school.

2. Jot down right now the names and addresses of as many fathers as possible who have boys between the ages of six and fourteen, who, you think, are good prospects for Culver, and mail them to Colonel Henderson, who will see that a copy of the Guidance Booklet is mailed to them at once.

This request may sound a little strange to you in view of the fact that during the past several years Culver has had no problem in getting all the boys it wanted for both winter and summer schools. In fact, the three camps for 1944 were filled in November, and only a few places for new cadets are available for next September. But such has not always been the case. Only a few years back, during the depression, Culver, like other schools, had a tough time of it.

Without a doubt, you are laying your plans right now for "Post War", and so is Culver. This lining up of good future prospects fits right into such a program; so, set down the names and addresses as suggested, and send them to Colonel Henderson. Thanks.

Incidentally, we are planning a fathers' get-together for Commencement; so, if you are fortunate enough to get here, be sure to attend the meeting so that we can all get better acquainted.

Sincerely yours,

Harry E. Blythe, President
Culver Fathers Association

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