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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

I was so happy to receive your letter and I can't tell you how pleased and excited I am about the assistantship. My only wish is that I could write a definite "yes" in answer. The press of duties and the fact that my release from the Air Force is still not as definite as it could be has interfered a great deal in my making definite plans.

Dixon has probably told you that an old friend of mine, Dr. Liverman at Texas A & M, has requested that I work with him for the Doctorate. I feel, and Dr. Liverman agrees, that since I have already taken so much course work at LSU, it would be wiser for me to return to Baton Rouge. Since I haven't had a chance to talk to you or others at LSU and since there is, as I say, some uncertainty about my release date, I haven't given Dr. Liverman a definite answer and by the same token, I'm afraid I can't give you one at this time. I plan to visit LSU immediately upon my return to the ZI and if there is still an opening at LSU, I hope that I may be considered.

I wish to thank you for your kindness and I sincerely hope that circumstances permit me to return to academic life at an early date.

Congratulations to you and Babe on your successful adventures in the field of Scientific Art.

Sincerely,

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