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Dear Col. Ellingson:

Thank you very much for your interest and letter. While in Washington last week I saw Col. Nicely.

My only concern now centers on post-internship training. I will enter this as a career and it would seem that Flight Surgeon's training would be almost a prerequisite to successful work in the field other than in basic sciences. My great interest and desire is to be able to work with men and air or space craft in operational programs.

The Air Force's mission is too great to permit personal commitments so I suppose I am asking what the chances are for Flight Surgeon's training following internship, assuming physical qualifications can be met.

Respectfully,

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