From Courtenay Crocker
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Boston

July 26 1939

Dear Wilbur: As I read your letter I found myself choking up and by the time I got to my bedroom to read it to Clara I was so tearful that she thought something terrible had happened. It still requires me to think that you should receive this distinguished honor, that you should still feel gratitude for what my father did to help in your education and particularly that you should want to help me by helping my "son" in his education

We have two sons but it seems that your gift should go to Benjamin (the younger who has had two years at Chicago University both because he hopes to go to the Harvard Medical School and because whereas

Anyway it is now pretty well assured
that I am able to get a masters degree in physics
for Ben there will be need of various devices

Ben will write you as soon as you
let me know whether this plan meets your
approval. In the meantime I want to tell you
that the present financial picture is surely
not bright it could easily be worse and may
get better in the near or not too distant future. If
it does get better Ben Dana & I would like to find
that we could return this really too generous gift
to be used by you for your family or for someone
else who may then need it as we do now.

If you approve having your gift go to
Ben it will probably mean that Ben will be
relieved from trying to do too much hard work
& get more and will then be able to devote

time to getting good enough marks to
get in to the Harvard Medical School
after one more year at college. This would
take a great load off his mind and would
be of greatest help to him as he has a full
schedule next winter and can't afford to
get marks that are only half way good. So far
he has done very [illegible]
With congratulations to you on
securing this award and with deepest
appreciation of your thoughtfulness and
generosity, I am

Very sincerely,

[signature]

July 30, 1939
Replied, agreeing
with suggestion
Thos.