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Dear Mr. Habe:

I have your letter of June 7, and am glad to note your interest in the Japanese-American Combat Team. Until February of this year the Army did have what was known as the "volunteer officer candidates plan". This plan, however, has been suspended, as the need for officers became less demanding.

In one manner of speaking, all volunteers are "officer candidates", since they are all eligible for consideration and possible selection for attendance at an officer candidate school after completion of their basic training.

Selection for an officer candidate school is open to all applicants on a competitive basis. With the advantages of your rather extensive education, I believe you would have a superior chance for selection, assuming, of course, that you establish a good military record.

You may apply through your local draft board for voluntary induction into the Army and service in the Combat Team. The Combat Team has already made a good record for itself, and its members are rightfully proud of it. If you do decide to volunteer, I think I should warn you that a month or more will intervene between your application and your actual induction.

If you should happen to be in Washington, I should be very glad to see you and talk things over. However, I would not think a special trip just for that purpose worth your while.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

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