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Dear Dr. Palmer:

My first year of medicine is almost finished now, with the help of God. The work has been hard due to the great amount of material we have had to cover, but nevertheless, I have been lucky to spot the main points and obtain good marks. In Anatomy, I did not have much trouble, as I was well prepared for it after the magnificent course I received from you at the Polytechnic. That really helped me, as I was already familiar with every one of the terms studied. Furthermore, you developed in me the self-dependability necessary to endeavor any task, by your method of teaching. In addition to all this, you trained my mind to memorize when you required from the class to learn those big charts in the anatomy textbook. Now, I am realizing what your purpose was and how did it pay off. These factors helped me so much in Anatomy that I made a sufficiently good mark to be excused from the final. That was one of my happiest experiences, and that <sup>day</sup> they excused me, I could not help to remember the day you excused me from your final. For all this help you gave me I will be always grateful.

In this second semester the studies are easier in spite of the fact that we have two courses. We do not have to memorize so much and the type of examination is easier.

I see Abner frequently, as I go almost every week to her apartment with Milton Latoni. We spend hours talking about the Polytechnic and, specially, about the Anatomy Laboratory where we had our happy and sad hours. I have been here and I have now her our medical fraternities. I am sure she had a wonderful time in our parties, where she could talk with Amawry, Pau, and Cortés. Furthermore I have been with her at the amusement park (Woodside park) where we had lots of fun.

Amawry is getting wonderful marks this year and is full of enthusiasm. The rest of the boys are having a wonderful time as the junior and senior years are mostly clinical years.

The classes end on June 13 and by the 16<sup>th</sup> I hope to be in Puerto Rico to pay a visit to you and the Polytechnic.

I hope that you and your wife are in perfect health, and <sup>that</sup> happiness will always reign in your lives. (I hope Mrs. Palmer will not see my letter as the errors in my English are always getting worse. This has been my weak point always as she would remember from my marks in her classes).

Sincerely yours,  
Milton