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Dear Mr. Fowler,

I have called your office several times this morning and have, as expected, found you thoroughly involved in meetings, etc. I therefore will leave this at your office in due course, together with my copy of the book I mentioned to you. The book is of general interest, but has no relevance to anything we discussed. I found it highly interesting after the first few pages.

The purpose of this note is as follows: Yesterday afternoon I was called in by my office and told to prepare myself for a 90-day TDY in Africa starting approximately March 13. I had earlier been consulted about going out to head one of our Stations and had declined. Except for cause I have no possibility of declining the TDY assignment. I made it clear that I did not want the TDY period extended once I was in place, but there is every possibility that it will be extended to 120 days after I am on the ground.

The assignment in Africa will be interesting in the extreme, but it does not alter in any way my overall opinions as expressed to you the other day. If Mr. Janow and you have been able to form a clear impression that I could fit meaningfully into your area, I would resign from my present organization immediately, but I want to be as fair as possible to the people here, and not mislead them further as to my availability. I realize that this may put you in a difficult position and regret the unavoidable circumstances that have arisen. In any case I want to thank you and Mr. Janow very much for your recent courtesies and conversation.

Sincerely,

*John Williams*