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Dear Bishop Flanagan:

Prayerful best wishes for the Easter season and the rest of the year. I hope that you are in good health and that the weather in New England soon improves. We are experiencing unusually warm weather in New Mexico.

Enclosed is the final bill from the dentist. The doctors of this area are not as generous toward the clergy as the ones in the East.

Starting tomorrow and through Easter, I will be assisting at one of the parishes which is a $5\frac{1}{2}$ hour bus ride away from Albuquerque. The parishioners here are deeply religious but extremely poor financially.

Since my last letter to you, I have heard from the Veterans Administration in Washington. There are no vacancies at present but they are retaining my application for a chaplaincy for future consideration. When an opening occurs, they will contact you for permission to start the procedure and then forward the application to Mgr. Joseph Marbach, the Chancellor to the Military Ordinariate in New York for official endorsement.

Dr. Cummings at the Lovelace Clinic and the new superior at Plus XII Villa both approve my desire to work in this apostolate. There was only one question about medical history on the application which I showed to Dr. Cummings. He said that the question did not affect me and there was no need to volunteer information about my past problem.

In regard to my present status, I wrote that I am on a special assignment outside the diocese working as an assistant. I was advised to do this by the chaplain at the local V.A. hospital. He also said that a letter from a Senator or Congressman to the V.A. would be very influential but I have been out of the state for quite some time now.

I am most eager to return to full active duty as soon as possible and can finally say that I have conquered the tragedy that has plagued me in the past. If I do not hear from the V.A. in a reasonable time, I may apply once more to the Boston Archdiocese for an assignment since the Worcester Diocese is closed to me.

Your prayers are humbly requested, dear Bishop, that I may soon return to full time service to God and His Church. Thank you for your charity and understanding of a priest in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David A. Holley