Your attention has been called no doubt to an anonymous communication circulated by a few members of the student body through the Institute buildings and among parents and guardians of the students throughout the State, in which complaint is made of the military rules and regulations in force for the guidance of the students. I am sure you will be surprised to know that no formal complaint of any of these rules or regulations was made to the Military Committee, the Faculty, or the Trustees in advance of the distribution of this scurrilous document a week ago today. Since that time the Faculty have been endeavoring to deal with the student body until yesterday when the Trustees of the Institute were called in for council and advice, because of the rebellious attitude of many of the students and their apparent determination to enforce their demands without consultation with anyone and irrespective of the opinions of the Faculty and Trustees. The regulations of which they complain were adopted after careful consideration and in the interest, of course, of the students themselves and are such only as are prescribed in other universities where similar regulations are in force. The regulation of which they chiefly complain is that which forbids visiting in the city or in other rooms after the call to studies at seven o'clock in the evening, although this regulation does not apply on Saturday nights. The other regulations of which they complain are of minor importance, but the Faculty and Trustees feel that you will agree with them that whatever complaints the students may have should be presented in a dignified and proper petition to the constituted authorities for relief before taking rebellious action; and pending the consideration of their petition they should conform strictly to the established rules and regulations of the Institute.

The authorities do not know to what extent, if at all,
your son is involved, but lest he may be I am requested by the Faculty and Trustees to notify you that an appeal will be made on Monday morning to the offending students to cease their rebellious attitude and conform to the rules and regulations of the Institute. At the same time the President, members of the Board of Trustees, and possibly others interested in the student body, will endeavor to show them the error of their way and urge obedience to rules and regulations. Every student will then be called upon to state to the Trustees and the Faculty whether he will obey the rules and regulations of the Institute so long as they are in force. Those who refuse thus to pledge themselves will be immediately dismissed from the school with directions to return to their homes.

With these facts before you the Faculty and the Trustees confidently believe you will endorse the action proposed to be taken by them and if so we earnestly request that you wire your son immediately urging him to submit cheerfully to all the rules and regulations of the Institute as long as they are in force.

By order of

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

[Signature]

Secretary