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Dear Nathan,

I was so overjoyed that you have been posted to the soldiers' university, and even more so that you in fact found there teaching freedom and the right spirit among the students. Add to that the splendid location, which was formerly mainly for rich idlers. If you don't hear much over there about what is going on in politics, in some ways that's also good. Unless a miracle happens, only bad things can be expected of the future. Clinging to the sovereignty of the major states makes the arms race inevitable and that, in turn, makes future wars inevitable. Fear of their horrendousness works in both directions, both as a deterrent and as driving toward preventative warfare. I recently granted Raym. Swing an interv. that caused great clamor for a moment, but no more. The individual is simply powerless. Physicists are conducting themselves well in that they are all against secret armament and in favor of the prevention of war on an international basis; they shy away, however, from acknowledging the ultimate conclusion—world government that alone is equipped with military power. There is an *either-or* in this matter, without any option for compromise. But all these sloppy intellects want to believe or make one believe that there are some clever compromise-solutions which are easier to achieve.

I had to send money to Mileva for a war tax on the building. She urgently begged that one not deprive her of the house. I think she's right.

This letter must go out, and my assistant is waiting. All my cordial good wishes for the work there,

Yours,

A. E.

P. S. I had a throat infection and some other things as well but, thanks to Bucky, was repaired in time.

[ALS. On embossed letterhead: "A. Einstein, 112, Mercer Street, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A."]