

Kerrville, Texas, Apr. 18 1900.

Dear Grandfather,

I have made up my mind to try to get into either West Point or Annapolis. I have written to both the secretary of war and the secretary of the Navy for information concerning competitive and entrance examinations to both places. Papa said that when so many asked for the appointment Slayden would hold a competitive examination and give the appointment to the one making the best grade. I am going to study hard all this summer on geometry and other studies that I have not studied yet. Papa said that he would speak to Slayden and try to get him to let me take part in the competitive examination.

I am getting along fine at school and I think that I will stand a good show. I spoke to Prof. Toland, superintendent of the school, about it, and he told me that I had a very good show and he said he would write Slayden a letter and mention

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my wanting this place. I have made arrangements with Toland to teach me geometry during the summer.

All of us are well and hope you are the same. How is Uncle Charlie and little Karl? I hope they are all well. I close remaining

Your grandson,

[signed]

Chester Nimitz