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My dear Professor Binns,

There are not many weeks before school will be dismissed and the summer's plans must be quite definite by that time.

Consequently I am writing to you to ask that a small corner of the school may surely be mine for the 6 weeks of Summer School and perhaps even for an extra week or two if all does not go as rapidly as I hope it may.

My plan is of course chiefly to absorb the things which will refresh my enthusiasm and give new impetus to my work. The definite problem in which I am interested is to produce 5 or 6 pieces which I can use for exhibition here at the school. I would be very happy to do some research probably with the Persian glazes and perhaps I may. But since I must conform quite rigidly to a schedule of work and rest hours I shall do the things which will be directly applicable to my job and leave the others of my own until later.

Contracts are about to appear here, and salaries are rather uncertain things but Mr Ellis seems to think that I may have a \$200<sup>00</sup> raise making me 2100<sup>00</sup>. But perhaps not, as the Director's & not Mr Ellis's word is final, so to relate!

I am now spending one day of each week on designs and plans for the pecks which I hope to be able to produce this summer.

As yet I'm not sure where I shall live but that being rather immaterial as long as it is in Oxford, I'm not worrying much about it.

I had a curious letter from Miss Thayer not long ago and learned that her presence is again to grace the school this summer. Her 7 years attendance at the school she cited as sufficient proof of her high esteem of Professor Quinn and his school all of which may help to cheer you and Mrs French over her return.

With my very best regards to you and to each member of your family — I am  
Very sincerely yours

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