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Dear ~~John~~ Zelt,

May I reiterate the pleasure I expressed over the phone at knowing you are back in this country and have begun your job with the Voice. I am sure that you will find it a source of satisfaction to be associated again with an effort of this kind. I feel certain it is an effort towards which you can make a significant contribution.

While I can appreciate your arriving back in the States dreadfully short of funds, and in need of something to tide you over until your first pay check comes through, I am sorry to say that there is nothing I can do to help over the present period. I did all that I could when I had a small contribution made toward you continued stay in Italy.

I have been unable to persuade the authorities to make any further payments to you, and as you perhaps know the government cannot lend money as you suggested. I am afraid that you will have to forego sending your parents anything for the present, and borrow either from some of your New York friends such as Howie, or from a bank.

I recognize that this is an unhappy attitude for the organization to take from your point of view, but I can do only so much to influence the organization, and I did my bit last fall.

Please be sure and keep in touch with us, and know that I would always be interested in hearing from you anytime you come to Washington.

Most sincerely,

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