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Dear Dad,

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Let me give you some criticisms of myself. I am very self-centered bitch. I am always worried about someone messing over me. Always trying to save my self-image, and really I don't even have one. Turned about my so-called happiness, yet I realize that my concious bothers me. I have a complaining now, not really so bad but I am in the medical office and taking care of Lela Murphy. I really like the medical field because I want to be a Gynecologist/Obstetrician but it seems that in order for that to be remembered that I have to stay in here and literally clean ass. I am tired of being disregarded as a "nurse aide" by Phyllis Chaiten and considered by her Dixie-gine and Cheryl McCall not even to be evaluated with the rest of the nurses, yet she regards us as "kicks", which is ~~fine~~<sup>fine</sup>, but please why tell us that we are doing ~~be~~ intensive care nursing - without experience or proper schooling. The titles really don't mean shit, but the nursing in the office, basically consists of advanced first aid. The doctor deals in the real medical problems. Of course, past medical knowledge is required etc. but Dad there is so much competition. Now there are Blacks in the medical field here, but I have a passion for gynecology, I mean I really like it, and if we have the chance for schooling (I'd really prefer to die though) and people my age were sent, I would like to get that education. Now, I feel I must prove my interest, which I think I have to a extent, but when does it quit? Do I have to prove myself to all people in the medical dept or just you. I know I am being selfish now. The thing I would like to do is return to the fields, and some evenings a week work with Dr. Schacht with female disorders. He told me he would teach me what he knows about Gynecology, because that was his main interest. There are quite a few Blacks now in here and I less I think won't make a difference, I am suppose to be going back into the nursing office after Lela gets well or whatever ~~on day shift~~<sup>on day shift</sup>. I don't want to.

There's so much backstabbing and the labor power in the fields is needed. I don't want to get lazy, like I feel I am getting. I need the physical labor and in the fields I can see the work that is being done there. It can be measured. Phyllis Chaiten is good, but I think she lacks the tolerance to deal with problems (some) brought to her attention. She's very hipper and

nervous. Otherwise her job is okay. You see I am self-centered. I want to make something of myself. But for that, I don't deserve an education. I have never offered anything or put in anything in the past. Save the education for the young. They deserve. I have no other complaints because you have done so much. This place is beautiful and although I would prefer to give my life, and it looks like that chance might not come for so long - I will work only to serve you and this communist revolution. That's in my head. Thank you. Sorry to waste your time, but I can't deal with this. Leslie Wagner

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