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THOMAS WHALEY TO MOTHER

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The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp
 contrast to the warm blanket of the car's
 interior. The air was crisp and clear, a
 welcome change from the stuffy atmosphere
 of the office. I took a deep breath, savoring
 the freshness. The sun was shining brightly,
 casting long shadows on the pavement. It was
 a beautiful day, and I felt a sense of
 freedom and possibility. I was ready to
 embrace whatever came my way.