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My dear Mr. Lawrence,

From Dr. James L. Barton I have received a letter from which I quote as follows:

"It seems exceedingly important that Mr. Caleb W. Lawrence, now in the Y.M.C.A. work in France, should get back to Smyrna just as soon as possible. We have two men who have remained there through the war, Dr. MacLachlan and Mr. Reed. The College work has kept up under great difficulties and these two men are pretty nearly worn to a frazzle. It seems essential that Mr. Lawrence should get back to Smyrna just as soon as the transport can reach there in order to release one of these men for a brief furlough and respite. We expect Mr. Birge to go also."

I attach a copy of my letter to Doctor Barton. I imagine these two statements will explain themselves. They may reach you after you have sailed but if not, you can take the initiative in making your own decision. We will genuinely regret losing you to the work in France in view of the splendid record that you have and of the very great need for men.

Very sincerely yours,

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