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Mr. R. Lloyd Green, Principal  
Shortridge High School  
3401 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

Dear Mr. Green:

I am a commander in the United States Navy, attached to the Naval War College. I am writing the biography of the late Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, whose parents lived in Indianapolis. I understand that Spruance graduated from Shortridge High School in 1902, and I am seeking information about his high school days.

I am particularly interested in some poetry that he wrote from about 1897 to 1902, with most of it written in the 1899-1900 period. Much of it was published in a magazine or newspaper called the Echo, which could have been the Shortridge High School newspaper. On the other hand, it could have been an Indianapolis newspaper. In any event, I would very much like to have a copy of any of his poetry that was published in that period.

Would you be kind enough to check your files to see if your school had a paper called the Echo? And if so, could you send me copies of any of Spruance's poetry that it contained? If your school did not publish the Echo, could you please find out for me who did?

Any help you could give me would be much appreciated. I want to make his biography as accurate as possible. In that Spruance was a graduate of your high school, I am enclosing a copy of the monograph about Spruance for your information and retention. There may still be a few people in your neighborhood that still remember the Spruance family.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas B. Buell  
Commander, U.S. Navy

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Enclosure