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Description: John N. Scott wrote to George F. Shepley seeking his help getting a furlough to visit his ill wife.

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