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Description: Letter from Luther Lawrence to Frank, Aug. 9, 1864 concerning military life during the Civil War, written from Deep Bottom, Va.

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