September 26, 1940 Mr. C. G. Bayles, Superintendent Buildings and Grounds University of Kansas Dear Mr. Bayles: Dean Schwegler has several times called our attention to the unsightly and rather unsafe looks of the wooden steps that lead down to the handball courts. For years we have kept up these steps to the best of our ability, consistent with our income, but I have often wondered if this is not a logical charge for the Buildings and Grounds Department. Please do not think we are trying to heap upon you unnecessary expenses but I am wondering if there is not some type of construction that would be more permanent and more safe for people to use. I am wondering if there are any old stone ledges that could be used for steps, or is there any part of a fire escape from any building that has been torn down--like old Snow Hall--that could be utilized for steps on this incline. I would appreciate it if you could help us out as our budget does not allow for construction of such matters as yet. I do know there is always danger of injury from these boards that rot out, especially when we use secondhand equipment for repair work. With all good wishes, Sincerely yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach FCA: 1g cc: Dean Schwegler