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Dr. Deane W. Malott, Chancellor
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Dear Mr. Malott:

This letter may seem a bit unusual to you, but the circumstances prompting it are in my mind considerably out of the ordinary.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Director P. C. Allen and his basketball squad enroute to the East. This particular phase of the situation is certainly not unusual because during the year many athletic teams ranging from Y. M. C. A. squads to those of the Big Ten Conference stay at the Michigan Union. The angle that I wish to comment upon is this. During the many years that I have been associated with the Michigan Union, I have never come in contact with a finer group of boys. It has been our experience that visiting athletic teams are the greatest souvenir hunters in the world. So often we find it necessary to check through their luggage before they leave the building and frequently we have to write to the coaches or athletic director and ask for the return of articles which have been picked up.

The boys from your university were extremely courteous, very well behaved and when they checked out in the morning every towel was neatly folded and left at the bottom of each bed. The bathroom and showers were not in disorder; in fact, another team could almost have stepped into the room without any cleaning or maid service.

It is my observation that college students are very apt to adopt the qualities, good or bad, which their leaders may possess. I feel that Mr. Allen is doing something of far