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Coach Willis "Bill" Statson Director of Athletics Swarthmore College Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Bill:

You would think that I did not appreciate your good letter written on January 4 from the way I have answered you, but the fact of the matter is that I very much enjoyed your kind epistle, and I wish that I had the time to write you a long letter today, but as is usual we are making ready now to travel down to the University of Wichita and play one of those schools that the boys do not get pepped up much about, but one that is rather difficult to whip.

We have just finished our semester examinations and our first conference game in the new semester is with the University of Nebraska, an altitudenous, gangling and aggressive group of cornhuskers. Their center is 6.8 and they have two burly guards, Fitz and Held, each 6.4; the other two are barely 6. tall so you can imagine our toiling bunch of underlings will have a whale of a job trying to whiddle two big boys down to their size.

Thank you, Bill for the kind things you had to say in your letter regarding our visit East. I want you to know that all of our boys, as well as Mrs. Allen and Eleanor, certainly enjoyed the stay at Swarthmore, and our visit with your lovely family. We were all in love with your lovely wife and I want you to know that I thought Mrs. Statson's mother was about the sweetest mother-in-law we had seen.

We got a great wallop out of visiting with your family and if you people ever come west we will be disappointed if you do not drop by the Allen household at 801 Louisiana Street and visit us.

When you see Bob Reed give him my regards and someday I am going to write him and tell him what a swell host he is, but I am so far behind in my correspondence that I am going to have to wait until I get caught up with some duties that are already far in arrears.

Here's wishing you lots of success, Bill. I hope you will clean them up.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach