

November 9, 1945.

Lt. (jg) Milton P. Allen, USNR,  
Missouri Athletic Club,  
405 Washington,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mit:

I was sorry that I did not get an opportunity to read your letter the day it came in. I was deluged with a thousand and one things, and a dozen times I tried to snatch a moment of relaxation to read it, and then I forgot to take it home. Last night I took the letter home and read it very carefully.

Milton, I know that some things are difficult, and I view with great sympathy your difficulty. You remember I have often quoted Maude Royden of England when she said, "You cannot break Nature's laws, but you can break yourself against Nature's laws." That goes for the law of the land, of course, for civil law. We still cannot break them but we can break ourselves against them.

Frankly, I believe the thing to do is to wait until you get home and in the interim between the Missouri game and Thanksgiving you can take care of this matter as it should be taken care of. I think a certified check to the OPA and let them handle the matter is the right way to proceed. Money is such a little thing after all. We do a lot of scrambling for it and then something happens to take away our loved ones or some of our friends and then we find money is only a vehicle for an exchange for energy. Sure, we hate to lose it, but we throw so much of it away that we wonder sometimes if it is worth as much as fighting over it.

In regard to the jacket that you asked for, we will get it out of the upstairs and send it to you. I will also send you a whistle. I trust that you had a good game. Give my kindest regards to our good friends at Washington U.

With every good wish, I am

Affectionately yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.