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Mr. Phog Allen  
Basketball Coach  
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Dear Phog:

Just read a basketball article in a recent issue of Esquire. It mentioned you favorably and, of course, I swelled with pride in having known you and known your wonderful work in K. U.

Through the Topeka Capital, I have followed your work again this year. I am very proud of your wonderful team. Tuesday night of this week in a gym at the State Prison at London, Ohio, I saw an exceedingly interesting game between the prison team and a team from Plain City, Ohio. They are part of a 10-team league. These 2 teams had tied for first place, but the visiting team won the gam by a small margin. The visiting team have played together ever since they were in highschool, about four years ago. One of this team is a colored player who was on the all-Ohio Five when in highschool. Incidentzally, about 50 visitors were admitted to the seats which surround the basketball floor. After all visitors were seated, 600 prisoners were marched into the gym and were likewise seated. Although this event was at night, this could be handled because from the dormitories to the gym, prisoners are always behind locked doors and barred windows and security can be maintained, *in this type of institutions planning* . . .

I have fine cooperation from the Governor and the Commissioners of Welfare under whom I work in Kentucky. I have five correctional institutions under my supervision. I am also Director of the Division of Probation and Parole in this state, but should get very little credit for this work as it is, of necessity, directed and managed mostly by an assistant. Kentucky has what I call a thoroughly organized system for what I call probation and parole management with twenty-six field officers constantly investigating