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Dear Coach:

I received your letter in regard to the accounts of Arthur Spangberg which he accrued while on a short stay at the University of Kansas.

I will make an attempt to contact Mrs. Wellhausen and explain Arthur's situation to her as I see it, the same as I will do to you in this letter.

Arthur Spangberg is a person in whom I do have some faith. This faith does not run to the extent of his financial ability, his spendings, etc. It is in his ability as a basketball player, his character and in his desire to make something of himself. He comes from a family beyond reproach from any aspect. They are good people and if you ever met them, you will agree.

I personally did not guarantee Arthur's welfare while at the University and I did not guarantee him a job and did not guarantee his basketball ability. I thought he would benefit much from your ability as a coach. You were very very fair to me and especially to him in giving him the opportunity to go to school. You did give him a job. That was the extent of your obligation. He was to carry the burden and do the job. This, apparently, he failed to do. He should not have borrowed money in cash, room rent, stamps, etc. He either should have made other arrangements or expected the same from his family at home.

His family did lose their father. His family is financially not able to keep him in school. His family did not want him to go to the Army unless it was his duty to go. However, his number was called and due to these circumstances he did not get his tuition and two others who would have guaranteed it, but for the knowledge that he would be called and would not be able to complete his education until after he returns. We felt after his Selective Service papers had reached him that he had better break up his schooling because he could not expect much return from it in such a way. Especially so, since he was to be an athlete.

Arthur is now in the army at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, in the 110th Engineers, I believe. He is being paid by the Government and should pay Mrs. Wellhausen and you every penny he owes. This obligation I will personally guarantee if he does not pay the same. However, I