March 10, 1945.

Mr. Solon Ayers, Superintendent,
Haskell Institute,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Solon:

I am delighted that you and Madison Coombs can attend our Country
Club dinner which will be held at 7 o'clock at the clubhouse building on
Monday night, March 12. If agreeable with you I will meet you and Madison
out there.

I will arrange with Madison to have Jess King bring the boys out
after the dinner hour, about 8 o'clock. Then after they box we will see
that all the boys and Jess are furnished a nice dinner, the same as we
are eating, but I understand from Madison they do not want to eat, of
course, until after they box.

We are going to have Rex Kendall with his legerdemain, and we will
arrange for your Indian boys to have their dinner during the time of his
entertainment. I know they will enjoy that. We will check with Madison
as to the exact time, but I would say 8 o'clock would be fine. However,
if they want to come out earlier we would be delighted to have them, but
I thought the fact that they wouldn't want to eat when we do, sitting
around would be boresome to them.

Now, regarding the Red Cross. I am sending you a tear sheet from
the Daily Kansan showing that we have the thing organized now that we
have seventeen service men, under Chief Leon W. Mineau, and they are all
overseas fleet men. We have arranged for the men to talk to the sorority
houses and the women to talk at the fraternity houses, and the drive will
then take place right after the dinner hour. I checked with the University
administration very definitely before we selected the Jay Janes, and they
are the most efficient group to initiate this drive.

You will understand why we were slow in getting started because
our vacation was on when the drive downtown started and we wanted to begin
with the faculty first, and then follow up with the students. I believe
that we are going to do a nice job and you can depend on my untiring effort
to put this job over for you. I regret it was late, but it was unavoid-
able. We would not have done nearly so well had we started earlier.