Mr. E. C. Brookens, Westmoreland, Kansas.

Dear Friend Brook:

I find that I have neglected to answer your very good letter of February 24. Brook, I have been covered up, and that is not an alibi. Frankly, when your letter arrived I said that this is a letter I will answer immediately. So you see how you rate with me.

Now, regarding Joe Arnold. I want you to know that we will help him and you can tell his dad that he can count on my giving him a job as soon as he enters the University. When will he be 18? I happen to be secretary of the Selective Service Board here in Douglas County, and I would like to know when he is apt to be called. This will not deter me from helping him in every possible way, but I want to know about how long he will be here at the University. This information is necessary for our athletic teams, of course.

I am writing Joe Arnold a letter so that he will know that I am very much interested in him. Isn't there some way that some group can either loan him enough money for him to pay his tuition the first semester, or give him work so that he can save enough money to have that when he comes to school? I can guarantee him enough work for his board and room if he is the type of boy that will work and is ambitious. Of course, it would be a heavy load, and I am not sure whether he is just that good a student to carry enough work to earn this much money. When I tell you this you know you can count on what I say.

Some time this spring I will try to arrange an opportunity to go through Westmoreland and I will call on you and we can have a chat with Joe. However, it is not necessary because my promise is good on your recommendation.

Thanking you for writing me regarding Joe, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.