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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Last spring when you were in Slater I meant to see you, but it was necessary for me to be out of town at that time. Was sorry to miss you. Incidentally, the Slater people had some very complimentary remarks to offer about your appearance here.

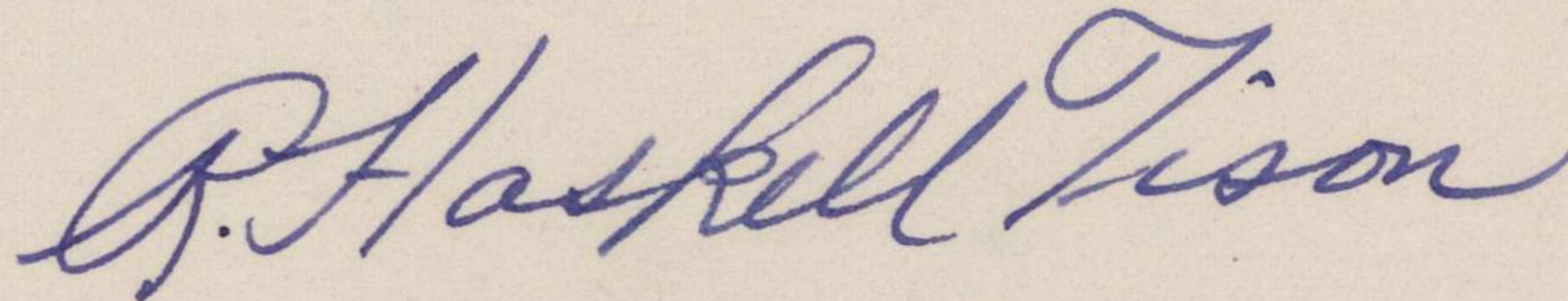
I am interested in basketball reffereeing. You have stated that the field needs some young, ambitious, and quick thinking men. I am going out to try to make a good official. My experience to date has been here in central Missouri--working in high schools and colleges for four years. It is apparent to me that now is the time to move into bigger fields. If I am able to go up, I want to go; and if not then I'll drop the work and stay on the side line.

Mr. Allen, I seriously need the support of a man like you in getting started in the big games. In some places the hiring of officials seems to be almost a "closed shop affair" which is in the hands of one man or a few men. Now I realize that certain controls and regulations are necessary but I believe that unfair discrimination will lower the quatily of officiating and degrade the game.

Please advise me as to possibilities, procedures, and suggestions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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