

November 13, 1941

Mr. T. L. Thaxton
1000 McGee
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Thaxton,

I am sending you a check for \$10.00 and my thanks to you for your kindness and your courtesy in sending me the golf shoes. I more than a little appreciate this courtesy and I have always endeavored to reciprocate with recommendations of your shoes to many of my friends who have foot trouble. Only yesterday afternoon I was playing golf with a friend of mine who complained of arch trouble and I recommended this shoe both for street and golf.

I noted that you have changed your address from 915 Grand Ave. to 1000 McGee. I will make a mental notation of this and will refer my friends to you at this new address. I did not want you to feel that you were losing money on me when I accepted any courtesy or gratuity from you unless I felt that you could receive financial gain by cooperating with me. As Head of the Department of Physical Education of both men and women I observe, it seems to me, a growing amount of difficulty with the feet of people or else they are paying more attention to their feet than heretofore.

I have been wanting to stop by and get another pair of street shoes. This pair that I have, while they fit, there is a wrinkle that breaks across both shoes and while they do not impair the wearing quality they do affect the looks quite a bit. I use foot forms in them each night, and by doing that I can keep them in pretty good shape. They are also just a little tight for wool sox so I want to get another pair that the heavy wool sox will fit in comfortably, and too, I want the extra heavy sole. These are a little thin and during the winter they are a little light without an overshoe. By wearing the wool sox and the heavy shoe I get along without any extra footwear, so I thought I would set these aside with foot forms and use the winter shoe.

Do you have on hand the extra heavy sole? And is there any extra charge for such? I would like very much for you to order me a pair, but I believe I had better stop by and try on a pair to get the exact fit, at least so there will be no mistake in them.

So I will stop by at my first opportunity for a visit and a fit.

I really want to do something for you for your kindness and perhaps you could give me some material so that I could help you more than I have in the past. There was a young fellow here at Obers that pushed the shoe very strongly and he went over pretty definitely. He was always asking me to trade with him, but I always boosted for you because you were extremely kind and courteous to me. This young man, Scott, has gone to Wichita now and I believe you can get many of the Lawrence customers at your place. I will talk to you about this when I come in.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

FOOT-so-PORT
Your Protection to Foot Health

THAXTON'S
FOOT COMFORT SHOP

THAXTON'S FOOT COMFORT SHOP, 1000 MCGEE
915 Grand Ave.

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Clerk Kansas City, Mo., 11-10 1941

Sold to Dr. Faunt C. Allen

Address Physical Education

University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas


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SHOES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY




**This Announcement Was
Written for YOU**

We want YOU to take a personal interest in this store. Consider its advantages are for YOUR benefit and convenience.

Our employees, stock and equipment are at YOUR service, and everything YOU buy here is sold with the understanding that IT'S RIGHT in Quality and Price, and if it's not right we are here to make it right.

We thank YOU for YOUR interest in us and YOUR patronage.



THAXTON'S FOOT COMFORT SHOP

HEALTH SPOT

1000 MCGEE
~~915 GRAND AVENUE~~
S. W. CORNER

FOOT-so-PORT
HEALTH SHOES

KANSAS CITY, MO.

11-10-41.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University Of Kansas,
Lawrence, Knasas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are today sending you the shoes we had such a hard time getting for you as the factory made three pairs before they made up the shoe that you wanted. As you remember it was a pattern that you liked but the factory had discontinued it from in stock. I had a time getting just the shoe you wanted.

But here they are and the shoes sell or did sell for \$12.50 but a make-up shoe costs me \$1.00 extra to make up a single pair, that would of made them sell for \$13.50. But up to this date we have always given you a cut price on your shoes and we are makeing this pair just \$10.00 but after this pair I will be forced to collect regular price on all my shoes as my overhead is much larger now than it was when I first started and I also have a guaranteed rent now and a 10% rentage agreement on top of the guarantee. It just look like the busines s man is on his way out. Taxes doubled and extra taxes and what else will come we do not know. The factory want allow me the discount that I have given you off on your shoes so I will have to get regular price for my shoes from this pair on. Thanking you for this business, I remain,

Yours truly,

T. L. Thaxton

November 7, 1941

Mr. H. E. Little
Thaxton's Foot Comfort Shop
Kansas City, Mo.

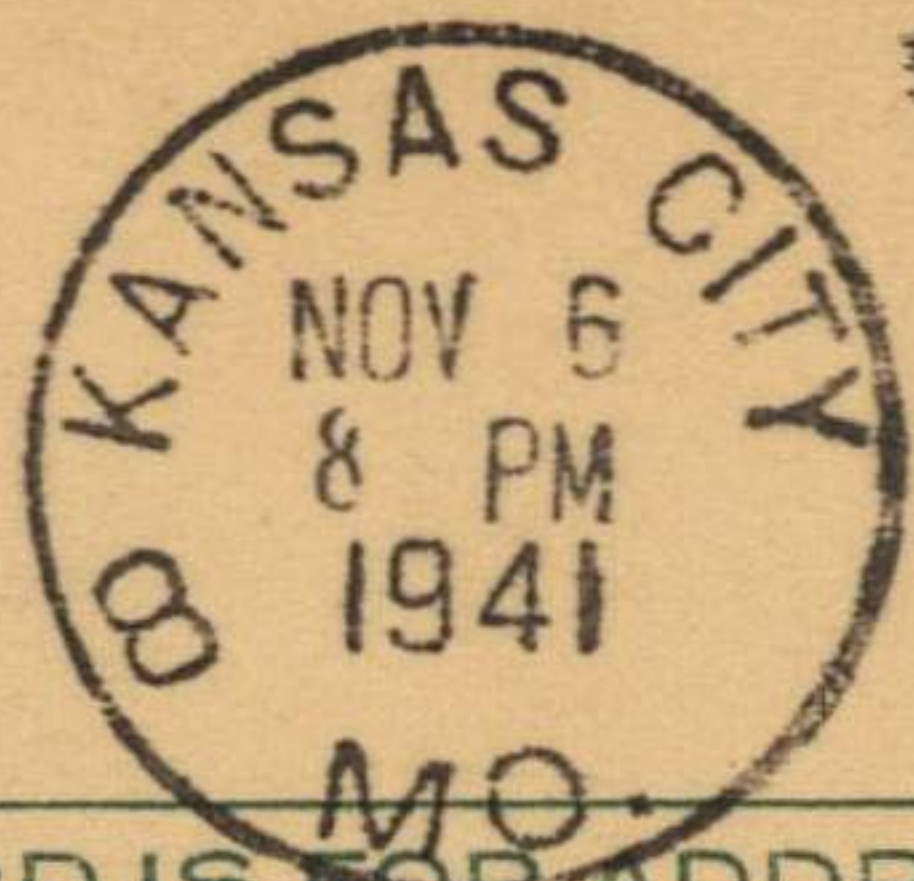
Dear Mr. Little

Will you kindly parcel post to me the golf shoes? Also, send me the bill. If they are satisfactory I will mail you a check and if they are not I will return them to you immediately by parcel post.

Sincerely,

FCA/PE

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education U. of K.
Lawrence
Kansas

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas.

Nov 6, 1941
Kansas City, Mo.

THAXTON'S FOOT COMFORT SHOP, 1000 MCGEE

Dear Dr.

Due to two + half months of
factory mistakes. We have finally been
able to get your golf shoes. Sorry for
this timely delay. We are holding golf
shoes until we hear from you.

THAXTON'S FOOT COMFORT SHOP, 1000 MCGEE

H. J. LITTLE, Salesman

Sept. 26, 1941

Thaxton's Foot Comfort Shop
915 Grand Ave.
Kansas City, Mo.

Attention Vern H. Thomas:

My dear Sir,

I am wondering if that pair of golf shoes came in which
you spoke to me about about the middle of August.
You said than that you expected them in about two weeks.

It has been about five.

Will you let me hear from you, please.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA/pg

December 11, 1941.

Mr. C. H. Thompson,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear "Pip":

I appreciate your note of the 3rd instant. It certainly was o.k. for you to write anything that you cared to write. I enjoyed it - it was interesting and you had a lot of wholesome truth very cleverly put.

I certainly will drop in the first time I am in Kansas City and have a moment to spare.

Your son hasn't been by as yet, but I would be mighty happy to see him. I will try to pick out a good yarn for him.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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SUNDAY
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CIRCULATION 450,000
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December 3, 1941.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Phog:

Thanks for your note, and the inclosed manuscript, which I have read and found most informative. I hope you don't think that just because I hang a story on you once or twice a year that I'm picking on you. I am not. But you always make news, and I naturally gravitate toward good news sources when I am looking material. I am afraid you getting righter and righter about football in general, so don't ever take any of my brainstorms very seriously. Do drop in when you get a chance and let's have that talk. I'm always glad to see you. I told my son to keep in pretty close touch with you for the next few months--so help him along if you get a chance. He'll need some help.

Wish best wishes,

Pip Thompson

November 3, 1941

Mr. Paul Turner
1101 West Hills
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Paul,

Dean Smith just called me stating that Miss McNair reported a grade for you of D plus. She says you are a personable fellow and she's hoping that you can bring your work up. Paul, won't you see Miss McNair and try to get a B instead of a D?

I'd appreciate it also if you'd make a date with Dean Smith. Tell him that I asked you to stop in and say "hello" to him and tell him that you're going to pull that D up to a B.

I want to be as proud of my basketball men in the class room as I am proud of them on the athletic field.

Sincerely,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

October 22, 1941.

Mrs. Jesse Turner,
2330 West 48th St.,
KansasCity, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Turner:

Your very fine letter arrived this morning, and I am hastening to write you and tell you how happy we are with Paul. He is a grand boy and I have never met a chap who wants to do the right thing at all times as much as Paul does. You bet, Paul, will make a dandy. He is a hard worker and he is a fine athlete, and we will work with him enthusiastically and intelligently.

I appreciate the confidence that you and Paul have in me. Please tell Mr. Turner that we think you people have a wonderful son. Also give Mr. Fordyce my regards and tell him that Paul is a dandy.

I do want you and Mr. Turner to stop in any time you are in Lawrence. I think it is wonderful to have two parents to encourage their son as you have done. When you have encouragement at home it is so easy for a boy to go out and do his level best. And too, it makes the job much easier for the coach because he can always bank on the support of the parents.

With appreciation and best wishes to you and Mr. Turner, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Kansas City Kans

10-21-41

Dear Mr. Phog. Allen

I am writing a few lines
in regards to Paul Turner
he was home last week end
he finally quit foot ball
I didnt want him to play
but i didnt tell him not
to. but when the other boy
and I were up and saw the
Washington game ^{at KU}, we told him
he was foolish to stay on
the team. quit and go
into Basket ball. for every
thing that there was in it
Now if there is anything that
I can do to help him to be
one of the best will be glad to
go along

do you think his work will
bother him any. you go right
after him. He is kindly
hard to get next to. But he
thinks there is no one like
you. I was talking to Mr
Fordyce last night. He is
anxious to see him go to
the front in Basketball
I want to see you when I
come up and have a talk
with you on that. We want
him to go the limit. I think
he can do the job. I would like
to see him go to the front. So
will see you as soon as I can
I want to attend all home games
and maby some of the others

yours truly

Mr Jesse Turner
2330 W 48 St
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October 6, 1941.

Mr. Kenneth Thompson,
1301 West Campus,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Kenny:

Dr. Peete writes that he will be glad to have you come in for an examination any time you are in Kansas City, except, of course, Saturday afternoon. His office is 531 Argyle Building. Give him a ring either at his home or at the office when you are in Kansas City, and make arrangements for the examination.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

October 6, 1941.

Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I would be very happy to have a map of the streets of Topeka, if you have one available. If not, would you kindly send me a street guide?

I make a number of trips to Topeka during each year, and I would find it very helpful and time-saving if I had a map to consult so that I might reach my destination more promptly.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

Sept. 8, 1941

Mr. Jack Todd
General Manager
The K A N S Broadcasting Co.
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Jack,

I am sorry that I have been unable to answer your kind letter of Sept. 3 sooner. My daughter, Jane, was married here in Lawrence last Saturday night and I have been away from the office most of the time since Thursday.

I have made some notations on your typewritten statement which I hope you will be able to use.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Broadcasting Company

Herb Hollister, *President*
Jack Todd, *General Manager*

atop Hotel Lassen
WICHITA, KANSAS
September 3, 1941

Dr. Forrest Allen,
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
Lawrence, Kansas.

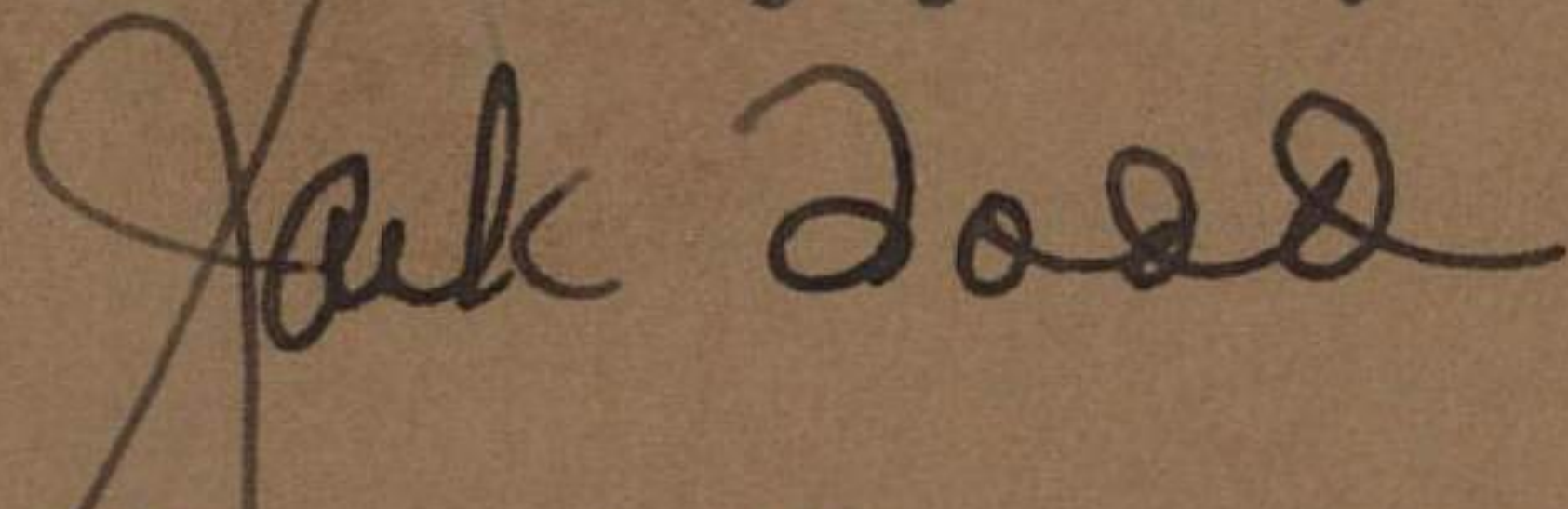
Dear Dr. Allen:

We're doing our best here in Wichita to get public support for the Wichita University football team - particularly through the sale of season tickets. K A N S intends to broadcast spot announcements, special reports from the practice field, and so on, in order to make Wichita football conscious - and we'd like some help from you.

I'm sending you a sample of a quote "from you" which we would like to use - with your permission. If you'd rather say it differently - please make changes.

This is strictly a non-profit venture. There are no financial ties between K A N S and Wichita University, or the city fathers. If you sign the attached paper with the statement, and mail it to us, you'll have quite a few more well-wishers in Wichita.

Sincerely yours,


General Manager,
THE K A N S BROADCASTING COMPANY

September 29, 1941.

Mr. George Trombold,
Personnel Director,
Boeing Airplane Company,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear George:

I belatedly acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 18th. I realize that I should have written you concerning Ray Williams before I spoke to him about the possibility, but the boy had had some tough luck here at the University and I was anxious that he have a chance and if you could give him that opportunity all of us would appreciate it.

George, what I wrote you about Ray is absolutely correct. He is a fine citizen and a mighty clean chap. He has a lot of ability. So I was sincere in everything that I wrote concerning him. You can bank on this, George, that if I give a man a recommendation I sincerely believe what I am saying. I may become rather enthusiastic and overshoot the mark in my desire for him to make good, but I will never recommend a man to you unless I think he has ability and character.

I am a little hazy regarding the type of man that you want in your training division. Won't you give me a hypothetical example of such a man? I am thinking of Francis Kappelman. Is he the type of man that you would want? He has athletic ability, he made wonderful grades in college, and he has lived long enough to have fine ballast. Won't you write me and tell me if that is the type of man that you are interested in? I do not know, however, what fundamental knowledge he has of vocational education, but he has personality and he has the ability to size up men and would establish a highly congenial relationship among men.

I am interested in seeing Kappelman get out of professional baseball before he disintegrates. He has taken some work toward his master's degree, but he still has that crazy bug of thinking that some day he will be a crack professional ball player. The difficulty he had in his early days he has now. He cannot hit .300 - instead he goes about .242 to .260, and he is getting older so the chances are against him. He only gets about \$200 a month for the six months. That makes just \$100 a month for the twelve. He should be at his age a \$2500 or \$3000 man with his background and intelligence and personality. Won't you write me?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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STEARMAN AIRCRAFT

DIVISION OF BOEING AIRPLANE COMPANY

GT:DP
9/18/41



WICHITA, KANSAS

September 18, 1941

Forrest C. Allen, Director
Physical Education and Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Just received your letter concerning Ray Williams.

It has occurred to me that you may be in a position to recommend some of your boys who may be qualified as employment interviewers here. They should have at least a certain amount of knowledge concerning occupations in mechanical fields and above all should be able to pass judgment and be able to act as contact man with shop employees and supervisors.

We are also interested in someone who has a background which would fit into work in our training division. A fundamental knowledge of vocational education is important and also a personality which would make the individual acceptable to enable him to establish congenial relations in the shop.

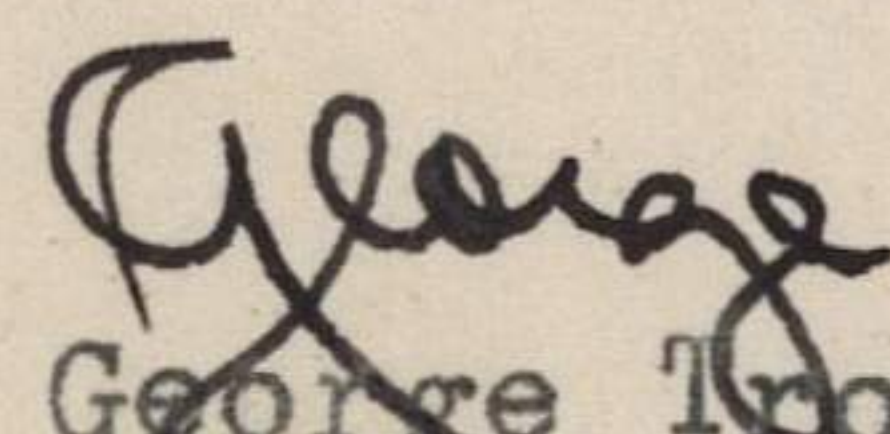
I would suggest that if you have anyone in mind for any of these jobs that you write me direct first before referring anyone to us. I am writing you concerning this because I believe you have a good idea as to the type of fellows for whom we are looking for this kind of work and believe that some of the boys with whom you have worked should have most of the fundamental qualities that we need.

We have Ray's application on file and will give it every consideration as openings occur.

We are looking forward to your promised visit.

Sincerely yours,

BOEING AIRPLANE COMPANY
Wichita Division


George Trombold
Personnel Director

Sept. 16, 1941

Mr. George Trombold
Personnel Director
Boeing Airplane Co.
Wichita, Kansas

Dear George,

I just met Ray A. Williams who mentioned the fact that he has applied to you for a position with Boeing. I have known Ray for eleven years during which time he worked in the business office of the University. His position during that time has been as bookkeeper and inventory clerk.

In all those years I have found Ray a pleasant fellow who is always willing to cooperate and a man who is interested in going out of his way to help others. To my knowledge Ray has always paid his bills very promptly and in my opinion is a very fine citizen in this community. He owns his own home here in Lawrence and is the father of a boy and a girl. It has always been my impression that a man who owns his own home and raises a family is a very substantial citizen. For that reason I would be gratified if you could find a place for this deserving young man.

I assure you it was a great pleasure to have you visit with me, and I am looking forward to the time in the future when I shall have enough time in Wichita to call you ahead of time and run out and have lunch with you and your very amiable boys, Mr. Schaeffer.

With all good wishes for your continued success and happiness I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA/pg

October 6, 1941.

Mr. George Trembold,
Personnel Director,
Boeing Airplane Co.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing application blanks. I have called Ray Williams, asking him to fill out one of them for you.

Kappelman left for Oakland, California, where he is going to work in the shipbuilding yards and play Sunday ball.

The first time I get to Wichita I will not fail to stop by to see you. As you know, I am kept pretty busy with my teaching in the mornings, basketball practice in the afternoons, and speeches out over the state. I just can't get away from town unless I am called. But sometime when I am called to Wichita I will come in to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

STEARMAN AIRCRAFT

DIVISION OF BOEING AIRPLANE COMPANY

GT:DP
10/1/41



WICHITA, KANSAS

October 1, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education & Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

We are definitely interested in Ray Williams' application and I believe we can find a place for him in our Accounting or other similar departments.

I can understand the haziness regarding the type of man that we are looking for in our training division. It is rather difficult to describe the background that we need there. The man probably should have a little more mechanical background than I recall that Kappelman has although he is the type of personality for which we are looking. I have talked to him several times about coming here and even brought him out to interview officials here prior to my connection with the company. At that time I had the same impression as that expressed in your letter that he was still hoping for that good season with the sticks so he could go up with pro ball. I believe there is some spot in the organization for him although it probably would not be the training job for the present at least. I would like to correspond with him if he is definitely interested in quitting pro ball. We have quite an ambitious recreational program lined out for the winter. Among other things we could use him very nicely to help with it. You will be interested to know that Bud Browning started early this week training a basketball squad which will eventually play in several local leagues as well as in a good sized inter-plant program.

We are enclosing several application blanks for Williams, Kappelman, or any others whom you might recommend. We will be glad to talk with Williams or Kappelman at any time they may care to come down.

I appreciate very much your interest in our problems and am still looking forward to your promised visit.

Sincerely yours,

BOEING AIRPLANE COMPANY
Wichita Division

George Trombold
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Personnel Director