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Name Dr. F.C. "Phog." Allen, Name Roy M. Turner
Relationship Kansas's Greatest Athletic Instructor, Box 900. Register No. 29461 No. letter this week
Street Number University Of Kansas.
City Lawrence, State Kansas Hall E Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 17th 1938

Dear Dr. Allen:

In answering your letter I wish first to state that I was really glad to hear from you and that I surely had some of the biggest thrills of my life time, when Kansas was running all over Kansas State Saturday October the 29th. The Radio is certainly a remarkable gift to humanity.

Now Dr. Allen, I am more than willing to accept your offer of helping me help my self, and certainly will appreciate receiving from you any suggestions that you believe will help me help my self. There is no certain time to serve, just when ever the Parole Board see fit.

Relative to my future should I be released. As you know, my line is Athletics. If I had of stayed with that and let the Real Estate Business alone I would of never of been in here. The people that you associate with while teaching school are not like those you come in contact with in the Real Estate Business. I was green and it was easy for a crooked Dealer to drive me in a crack, especially after fate had all ready dealt me a heavy blow.

However, I realize that I will not be able to teach school after leaving here. I have studied all types of Athletics while here. Before coming here, I had a fairly good knowledge of Basket Ball and Football as a player and instructor. So I believe with the help of the many people I know, in all parts of this country, that I have either gone to school with or had some other association with in the athletic line, I will be able to line up with some professional organization after a year or so. The newspapers and the Radio has helped me tremendously in my studies, to keep in touch with the outside world. Upon my immediate release, I have a home to go to, also a promise of a good position. However, I am not certain about the position, as yet.

My case was surrounded by circumstances that put me on the spot. Some body had to go down and it happened that I was the easiest one. But so far as arguing my case, I will just leave that matter out, for I believe that I have been punished sufficient to answer all purposes of justice, and should be given my release regardless what this one thinks and that one thinks about the evidence of my case. Personally, I know that I am not guilty and for that very reason I have been able to bear up under the great strain and burden that a period of so many years of imprisonment brings. My motto is, "Flirt with no joy that will demand a dollar tomorrow for ten cents you get out of it today."

Every one in this part of the country believes that Knasas will be great in Basket Ball this year as usual, since they always have been the Tops under your instructions. I will be listening in on the Radio.

Wishing you much success and kindest personal regards, I am,
Yours very truly, Roy M. Turner.

Roy M. Turner