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## MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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Name Dr. F.C."Phog" Allen, Name Roy M. Turner  
Relationship K.U.'s Greatest B.B. Instructor  
Street Number University of Kansas Box 900. Register No. 29461 No.        letter this week  
City Lawrence, State Kansas Hall B Jefferson City, Mo.,        193      

Dear Dr. Allen:

If you remember in 1920-21, I was in school at K.U. After leaving the University I taught school and coached athletics at McClouth, High school. Then entering the business world I found myself in the Real-Estate business.

Some thing like ten or twelve years ago I wrote you regarding a letter if recomendation to the Benal board. You answered saying that when the time came that I would be line for commutation you would write me a letter; at that time you did'nt think it would do me any good.

Counting this year I will have fourteen years flat done in here. If you will please pardon me for speaking for my self, I will mention the fact that the case was entirely circumstantial and that there is evidence that proves beyond a question of a doubt that I am not guilty. However, in order to get results from the existing evidence it would require a defense council and fees which I do not have and can not raise. Therefore I have been building my self a good record from year to year here, hoping by my actions and conduct and the recomendations I can get from those who-knew me before I came here, that I will be able to prove that I am deserving and worthy of consideration, and thus obtain my release. So I am wondering if I could please, at this time, get a letter of recomendations from you.

Ever now and then some of the boys who were in school when I were drop in and say hello. Ted Reid, is over at Marysville after a very successful period of years at Warrensburg. Andy McDonald, is at Springfield, Mo. Pete Reedy was over at Salisbury in the lumber business the last I saw him. "Potsy" Clark at Brooklyn, they say is going to build another whale of a team like he had at Detroit.

The old Prison here is being build over under a ten million dollar bond issue that passed in this state several years ago. The buildings are nearly completed and I wish that you could see them. The adminstration Bldg., where I work, which is completed, is really superlative in Modern-Prison developments. A new hospital an enormous structure, with the latest Modern medical equipment. Two new cell buildings. A new power house, light plant, water system, Kitchen, laundry, picture show, machine shop, bakery, and two new industrial buildings for the mfg. of products. And many other new modern features regarding discipline, wearing apparel, education and re-creation grounds. It really is to enormous to explain properly in writing. Just think the number here is <sup>more</sup> than the entire enrollment at K.U., locked in behind stone walls, 80% of which are from 18to 25 years in age. When you are over at Columbia this fall or winter with the team you could really treat them to a sight worth seeing by driving that thirty minute distance to Jeff. City, and go through this place. I feel certain that the Director here would give you permission to do such.

Wishing you many more years of wonderful success like you have had for years at K.U., and with my best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am.

Yours very truly,

*Roy M. Turner* Roy M. Turner.