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Dear Phog:

My private secretary answered the phone when you called this morning, and I believe that she gave you the facts concerning our attempts to secure deferment for teachers who are engaged in the Army physical training program.

In the test case of Micky Evans, we applied to his local draft board; to the head of the selective service commission in Topeka, and the matter was taken up with authorities at Washington, D. C. I found the officials obdurate in their decision that he was not eligible for deferment. We used Evans as a test case as we have other men who will soon be taken by the selective service program and we were very anxious to have a favorable ruling. We finally gave up all hopes of retaining Micky's services, but when he appeared for his physical it was discovered that he had a broken cartilage; a knee injury that he had received in football during his college days.

The decision is settled clear and definite that there will be no deferment of men simply because they are employed in the Army physical fitness program.

With all good wishes for the Christmas season, I am

Sincerely yours,

"Mike" Ahearn

M. F. Ahearn, Director

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