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Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you ever so much for your good letter of August 12th. In accordance therewith I am writing today to Mr. Gwinn Henry with regard to the proposed new fieldhouse. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him herewith, and would invite your attention particularly to the suggestion I have made for the possibility of my simultaneous service on the fieldhouse and on the gymnasium for women. If such simultaneous service could be worked out, I feel that it might be made exceptionally useful both to the University and to me in all kinds of ways. For just one example, each of my visits to the University could be used for service on both buildings, thus doubling their value with practically no increase in cost, in time or expenses.

If as you say your project is still in the "promotional stage" it seems likely that my preliminary services might be particularly helpful right away. Please let me refer you to a letter I wrote you away back on May 9th, 1929, in which I pointed out that my services are frequently engaged for the preparation of a preliminary report, as a first step in projects of this kind -- especially when funds for construction are not yet in sight; and that such a report helps to crystallize the project, to assure the best and most economical solution of the problem, to provide a concrete basis for the formation of plans for financing, and to support those in charge by showing conclusively that proper consideration has been given to all the many features involved. This is of course just a suggestion from an outside viewpoint, but if it interests you please be assured that I would come to Lawrence just as soon as you suggest it.