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Dear Jim and Robert:

I sincerely wish to apologize to you boys for not answering your communication of April 6th sooner. Your letter was misplaced in the file and when I went back in the records to get the data I again permitted other things to crowd out my reply to you.

On February 22, 1943, I recommended sixteen men for varsity letters. The men recommended, besides the first ten that I am sending you, were Paul Turner, William Brill, Don Blair, George Dick, William Forsyth and John Short. Eleven of our thirteen boys were called to the colors before the season was over. Therefore, we had rather a difficult season although we did win all of our ten conference games. The ten men that I am listing to accommodate you boys is done so that one of you may win or lose a bet. Had the season gone on to maturity without losing some of the fellows this listing of the first ten men might not have been as I am giving it to you now. I will list them in order:

1. Ray Evans
2. John Buescher
3. Charles Black
4. Otto Schnellbacher
5. Armand Dixon
6. Harold McSpadden
7. Jack Ballard
8. Hoyt Baker
9. Max Kissell
10. Robert Fitzpatrick

It is always my purpose to give boys in the service most prompt attention, and I regret exceedingly my error in this regard. I trust this gives you the information you desire.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,