

October 6, 1945

Mr. V. E. Willis, Chief Attorney
Veterans Administration
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Willis:

I am very happy to commend to you Jesse Frederick Harris, a young man that I have known from elementary school days. He grew up with my children, played football and basketball with my son who is Milton P. Allen, Lt. (jg) USN. After his graduation from high school, he entered the University of Kansas, and participated in football, basketball, and track. He was the outstanding punter on the football team during his college days. He played on my varsity basketball team. He was a hurdler and quarter-miler in track. He was an excellent athlete; he has a genial disposition, and bears a fine reputation. In my opinion he has great ambitions to get ahead. He knows the meaning of the term loyalty, and practices it in a fine way. He certainly does not use intoxicating liquors, does not gamble, and is a fine family man. Before the war, he directed the activities of the youth administration of the N.Y.A. for Miss Anne Laughlin of Kansas. She thought he did an excellent job.

Through his athletics, he has learned the meaning of "team work". I have great confidence in Fred Harris, and know that he will make you a splendid man.

If you have any more questions concerning Mr. Harris, I should be pleased to answer them.

Very truly yours,

Forrest C. Allen, Director
Department of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach

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