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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood  
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Alton, Illinois

Dear Hazel and Walter:

I just received your very fine letter and while we are sorry not to have Edward here with us at Kansas, we cannot help but agree with you that the University of Illinois would not only be closer but I believe less expensive. And too, since Edward has lived in Illinois all of his life, it really is more his State University than is the University of Kansas in his mind at present. We would have been mighty glad to have done everything we could to make Kansas both a pleasant and profitable place for him to go to school. But I cannot help but see your point of view, even though we would like to have you and Walter and the daughter come often to visit us here.

Please do not feel that you owe anything to us at all. When I think of all the fine things that Walter Wood has done for Kansas, and when I think of the long and beneficial connection that you had in the women's department here, then the most we can do is not enough. I remember very distinctly that it was Walter that sent Charlie Black to Kansas. This splendid contribution was only a part of Walter's fine success here at Kansas. I remember his playing as a quarterback on the football team and on the Varsity basketball team. He certainly was one of our sterling athletes and a more personable individual I have never met. Whether Walter knows it or not he has always been one of my favorites of the alumni.

Of course, we will cherish any remembrance from you, but I did not want you to feel that way in the slightest. You were very welcome and we were sorry we did not have more time to visit with you people. We would love to have had you down at the house, but I know there were better claims on your time than we could make.

Yes, I knew that Charlie Black was personnel director at the Owens-Illinois Glass Company at Toledo. Last fall I spoke at the Ohio State Coaches Association Meeting at Toledo and after the meeting was over I called Charlie. He was not at home but he was out at the Yacht Club. So many of the coaches told me how fond they were of him, and in fact, it was one of his friends that insisted we get in touch with him and say hello. I spent a very pleasant 20 minutes visiting with Charlie over the telephone. He is still "Slicker" Black to me. I thought he was a grand athlete and a fine fellow, and I rejoice that he and Dorothy have done so well.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your lovely family,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,