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Dear Doc,

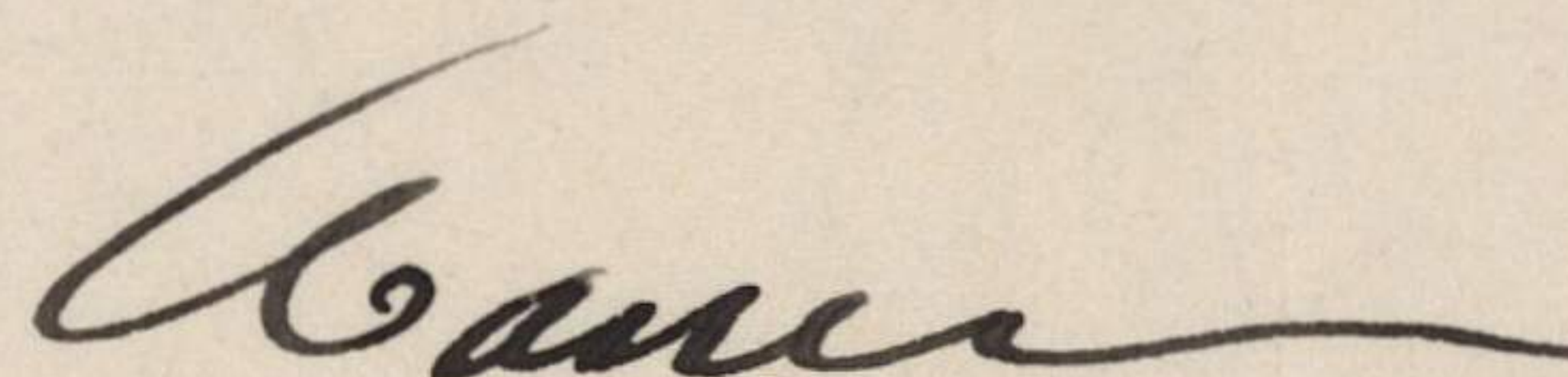
The fact that I didn't write you is no reason for you to think that I wasn't tremendously happy over the fine job you did with your basketball team this past year. I wanted to come to Kansas City for the finals but in view of the fact that I was leaving for a trip down south, it was impossible. However, we were very proud, Doc, of the old Alma Mater and our basketball team including the coach who is par excellent.

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I addressed to Fred Ellsworth. I should appreciate your keeping it personal and confidential. But I did tell the Chancellor that he could probably thank George Nettels for the present basketball team because some of the screw boos that we had there might have made it impossible for you to stay. Anyway, I am going to try to get George back on the Board because I think he made a great contribution to the College, and I wanted to carry you along on this. Naturally, as a coach you wouldn't want to be mixed up in any sort of expression of opinion, but I did want you to know how a great many of us feel.

My sincere congratulations again on the outstanding job you did with the limited material that was yours. I still think you were a sucker to be a basketball coach, you could have gotten rich in business, build yourself a college of your own and functioned as president, so on and so forth.

Remember me to your lovely wife, with kindest personal regards always, I am

Sincerely yours,



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