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Dear Fog:

I have your letter of March 20th regarding the placing of a K.U. man in Hiawatha as athletic coach.

We have had for the past term Coach Socolofsky who is a former Kansas Aggie man and there will be a vacancy to be filled soon.

I have discussed this matter with a couple members of the School Board. Mr. Frank W. Sterns is a former K.U. man graduating in 1915. Walker F. Means is also a K.U. man and both are on the School Board. They give me the impression that they want to get a K.U. man as coach. I inquired something as to the qualifications which they desired the coach to have. Mr. Sterns told me he thought that they would like to have a man who had played basketball and football and who had a letter in at least one of the sports, preferably football. They especially desire someone who played on the K.U. basketball team under your coaching.

The School Board will hire some thirty-five teachers at their next regular meeting which is on April 7th. Mr. Sterns told me that in all probability they wouldn't employ a coach at that time. He said the reason for this is that they wanted to wait until they hired the teachers so that they could ascertain what particular subject the coach would teach and until they hired the teachers they wouldn't know what subjects would be left open and hence wouldn't want to hire the coach until that time. I asked him what applicants should do who were wanting to be placed here and he said his suggestion would be that they come up to Hiawatha and meet the members of the School Board and place before them their qualifications and then a little later they would employ the coach.

You mention Ed Hall. I know him quite well and in my opinion he would fit in very admirably. But you know these boys better than I do and I suggest you pick two or three who you think might be able to fill the qualifications which I mentioned above and have them make it a point to come to Hiawatha and meet the individual members of the School Board. I have a hunch they will choose one of them if they possibly can.