

December 8, 1943.

Chancellor Deane W. Malott,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

Thank you for sending me Colonel McMorris's letter regarding the broken reflector in the drill hall of the Military Science Building.

I was over there yesterday and inspected the damage and found that it had been repaired. I talked to Colonel McMorris regarding this and told him that as long as the Army requires rope climbing as one of the prime essentials of the physical efficiency tests that we were expected to give, I did not see how we could give all of this mass drill without an occasional accident here and there. The ropes are spaced as far away from this lighting as it is possible to place them. The physical education teachers have been instructed to use special care and diligence in handling this apparatus, and I am sure that we will keep these fractures to the minimum.

The government demands that we submit these tests regularly, and for us not to use such apparatus would be an abrogation of our agreement. I do not know what else to do, do you?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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