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Mr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Coach:

Last October I had a letter from an R.A.F. pilot wanting to buy from Indiana university a basketball. He told me that basketballs in England, scarce in peacetime, were null and void during the war. Although he had offered to pay for it, we sent him a new one.

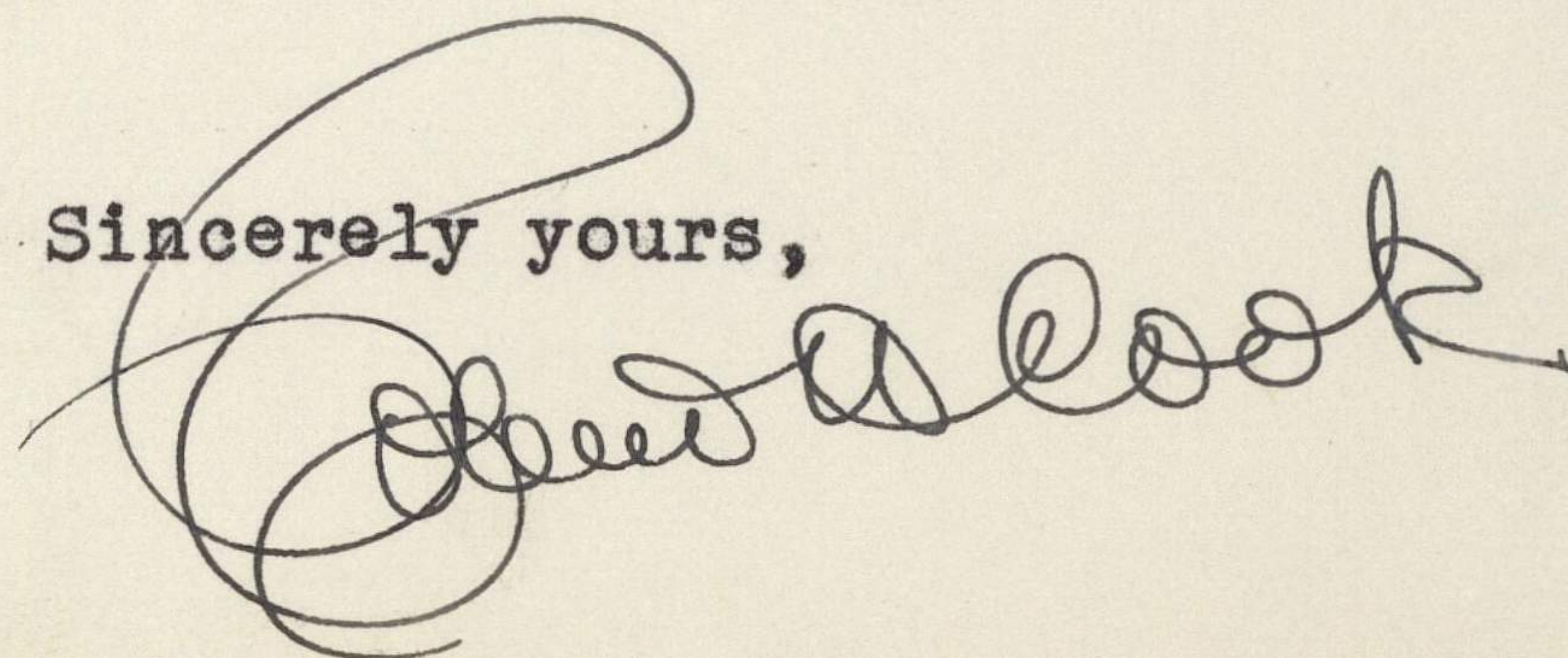
I have received a second letter from him, and I am going to insert some of his statements here. If by any chance, you would like to send him one of your books, I know it would be greatly appreciated. The name and address is Laurence Nelson, c/o Mrs. J. Yates, Hall Meadows, Tean, Staffs, England. He says, in part:

"Your basketball arrived on Christmas day...and your letter to me came on New Year's Day...I shall now look forward to your next letter containing any data on basketball which you have been able to collect for me....There is one book in particular which I have tried unsuccessfully to obtain from your country. It is Dr. "Phog" Allen's work entitled "My Basketball Bible," published by Messrs. McGraw Hill and Co.....Do you think you could possibly get a copy for me..... I've got my heart set on that book....I am fanatically keen on the game."

It occurred to me that perhaps you do have a reviewer's copy or something you could send him. Nelson has been with the London newspapers, and has done some of the pioneer basketball writing in England.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



RAC/sj