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Mr. Gerald Tucker
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Gerald:

I had hoped to see you at Topeka this week but I notice by the papers that you have decided not to play there.

Needless to say many Jayhawkers, past and present students are hoping that you will attend the University of the state in which you live. It doesn't seem possible that it has been twelve years ago when I had the same decision to make but that's what the calendar shows. At that time I was on the U. S. Davis Cup Team and there were a number of schools interested in my attending their particular universities. Naturally I was anxious to be where I could get all the tennis possible but the primary concern was not sport but the school because that was something that would last long after any game had ceased to be of any importance to me except from the viewpoint of a spectator. I was urged to go East; I was urged to go West but it seemed to me that I should go where I would make the friends and acquaintances that would mean a lot to me the rest of my life. Anyway I chose Kansas and I have never been sorry. I played basketball under "Doc" Allen and while I wasn't very good it still is an experience that cannot be matched anywhere in the country. All you have to do is to consider the coaches and star players who have been produced under his guidance. As a tennis player I certainly had no regrets over choosing Kansas. We had good teams, "Doc" fixed us up with an indoor courts so that we could play the year around and as a tennis team we had every consideration and were given all possible encouragement.

I am going to arrange with the Rockhill Club here to extend playing privileges to at least one or two good young players and I am confident that if you should be as close as Lawrence, you could be the player chosen. This would give you invaluable practice with Hal Surface, myself, and other good Kansas City players over week-ends and any time you could get down.

Here is a strong vote for Kansas.

*kindest personal regards,
W. G. Coe*