

April 17, 1940.

Mr. J. L. Gerhart,  
Reservation Manager,  
The Stevens Hotel,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Gerhart:

Our Mr. E. B. DeGroot, Jr., instructor in Physical Education here at the University of Kansas, has just turned over to me your letter to him dated April 15th. Mr. DeGroot laconically stated that he did not want to buy the Stevens Hotel, and I heartily concur with him. He is a young married man formerly of Stanford University, who is trying to gain confidence and a little experience here at the University of Kansas.

Mrs. Allen and I, together with our family, stayed at the Stevens Hotel a few years ago - maybe four or five. The last few years I have been staying at the Windermere, and also the Morrison, when our teams have competed with Chicago University, and I have also stayed at the Lake Shore when our basketball coaches association met out north. All of these hotels made special rates to visiting coaches and teams.

As I remember, we were able to get a rate of \$2.00 per person when two persons stayed in a room. My impression of conventions has always been to have a room to stay in and not to entertain in. Therefore, we would not care for elaborate service. If we could have adjoining rooms without any parlor or valet or maid service, it would be perfectly all right for common mid-landers. Please quote us your usual convention rates for two people in a room.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.