

August 16, 1943.

A/S John Dewell,  
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Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Johnny:

I received your letter Saturday morning, and am hastening to reply. I called Dr. Lawrence Woodruff regarding what you said and what you should do, and he said that you could apply to your Naval headquarters for a transfer if you wanted to for medicine or engineering, but he was quite sure that they would not transfer you here for a business set-up because the government does not have it here. Their specialization is medicine and engineering.

And too, Dr. Woodruff said that it is altogether thinkable that they might not send you to the University of Kansas at all, but might send you to some other base. So I am afraid, Johnny, that you will have to talk to your officers down there and find out what possibility and what chances of transfer you might have. Rest assured that we would be delighted to have you, but even the President of the United States cannot do some things.

I am sorry that I missed you when you stopped in Lawrence. It would have given me pleasure to have talked to you personally because I could have explained many things to you in person that it is difficult to write. This one thing I want you to definitely feel - that we want you to complete your education here at the University of Kansas. I assure you that there would be no problem if you and I can carry on our understandings together. We have never had any misunderstandings and we will not have because I know that you want an education, a real education, and that is what we want you to have.

With every good wish to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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