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Dr.F.C.Allen,
Dep't.of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Your telephone call a couple of weeks ago took me rather by surprise. In fact, I had just finished with a class of soldiers and when told to call the Lawrence operator thought it was probably Ben Douglas calling me.

Since that time, I have been wondering if there might be an opportunity to work into a permanent position or whether you had in mind a duration job. I would not be interested in the latter. In fact, as I explained to you over the phone, I could not secure a release for a temporary job. A few days before you called I had an opportunity to go with the Red Cross but my President was unwilling to release me.

I remember reading in the paper that Bill Hargiss has gone but of course do not know whether he is on leave with plans to return. As you know, I have coached Track here since 1926. Have also helped with football, and taught both theory and activity classes in our P.E. program.

I realize the immediate future in Athletics is very uncertain but believe it will come back strong after the war. The possibilities here seem to be rather limited and I would be interested in making a permanent connection with a larger school. If you have any such openings on your staff I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you regarding same.

Yours very truly, Les Duke

G. L. Duke

Director of Athletics.