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Dear Doc:

This is just a note to congratulate you on the wonderful success you are having with your basketball team! I have followed every game very carefully and have visualized every victory with pleasure. The actual accounts of your games, except for the scores, do not get into our papers very often. However, another very ardent fan of yours, young Sonny Hamilton, keeps me pretty well posted on details.

His latest report that you are losing several of your stars to the Army was rather disappointing and I hope it won't happen before your season is over.

Ruth and I see a great deal of Mary and Pete and their very fine family. We ~~got~~^{went} to several football games together, and last week enjoyed a real story-book thriller when Stanford beat California by two points in the last minute! It reminded me very much of that all-time classic when you beat U.S.C. in the last couple of seconds in Kansas City several years ago.

Needless to say, I enjoyed very much your recent blast at the NC2A and its new Pot of Gold venture, scheduled for Madison Square Garden. That story got full coverage out here on the Coast and I hope it did some good.

The physical training in the Fourth Air Force is finally accomplishing real results and I feel that we are making a definite contribution to combat effectiveness. The program is still not what I would like it to be, nor is it what it should be. The only encouraging thing is that we are making more rapid progress all the time. Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the Fourth Air Force Physical Achievement Test and a Bulletin on Swimming, both of which may be of interest to your physical education staff there at K.U. As you know, I worked on this test for about a year before it came out in this official form. The results we are getting are very interesting, as well as revealing. The standards established (which appear on the last page and on the back of the Record Form card) are sometimes considered to be too high, but it is our firm belief that anyone who cannot meet at least the