Stillwater, Oklahoma 218 Lincoln Street January 17, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Doc;

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Received your letter yesterday and I have already written Brutus and will write to Glenn today.

In our conversation over the phone, you mentioned that Smokey Joe Wood was baseball coach at Yale and that you knew him. I thought that that name sounded familiar to me, so I wrote my mother about it and she replied that Smokey Joe Wood's father and her father--my Grandfather Wells--are first cousins. Smokey Joe attended the same grade school in Pike County Pennsylvania as did my mother. While this may not have any bearing toward securing the job, it may be a means of contacting Smokey Joe Wood and securing some information through him.

We were very happy to read of Kansas' victory over Kansas State, then Nebraska had to come along and take all the joy out of life. We wish you and the team the best of luck against Missouri and Kansas State this week.

Sincerely yours,

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