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Elwyn, Maxine and Sherryl Dees,
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Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Family Friends Dees:

The fact, Elwyn, that you wrote on September 12 looks very much like we did not appreciate your kind epistle. Nothing could be further from the truth because I enjoyed it very, very much.

I passed on the word to Mrs. Allen regarding your kind invitation, but I am not sure that she will be able to get away. However, she wishes to thank you very much, and maybe the fever will lure her if Bob has good luck and makes the squad; I mean the starting squad, of course. This is very doubtful in my mind because Bob is young and has a lot to learn to steady him down. He is very eager and will make a dandy boy some day, but I am afraid that lack of experience may cause his mother to think that the basketball coach is not giving him all the breaks. And too, Bob is carrying 17 hours, 5 hours of which are chemistry with a lot of lab. So I have a notion that he is not going to be in as good physical shape as some of the boys who spend a lot of time just playing basketball.

Any way, we are meeting tonight at 7:30 to discuss our prospects and we will start to work a couple or three times a week. Golay and Swede are working for Dean down at the sheds, and of course they will not be able to practice in the afternoon. That means that we will practice a part of the group in the afternoon and the other group in the evening.

I should have mentioned beforehand that Dean landed the job. There are a lot of angles that I will tell you about that will not go into the letter-writing phase. I understand Tiny is working down at the shed too, but I have not seen him as yet. I have been very busy with my physical education work, committee meetings, and the like, and have not had the chance to get down to see the boys practice, and of course have not had a chance to see Tiny. The same situation that caused you some vexations, I understand, is causing other people the same sort of distraction. We will talk about more pleasant things, now.

I am glad that Sherryl is continuing to command the main attention of the Dees household and that she is adding calories and weight to her good looks. I can just appreciate how the focus of the entire Dees household is centered around the young lady. She will be giving you directions for a good many years, young man. I