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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Thanks very much for the news from Dean Swarthout. I am forwarding his letter to my sister in St. Louis. He was right about her name.

Here is another tentative project I have in mind. And while I don't know whether anything will come of it, I thought you might be thinking it over. One of the questions that came in on the poll had to do with whether or not there was any way that college baseball could be revived and built up. I know you will have ideas along this line, but whether or not the subject is of general enough interest to carry, I'm not sure. Of course you could go into the matter of college coaches being subsidized by teams like the Red Sox as sub-scouts, and the whole problem of finding young ball players I believe is more and more centering around the colleges. I can't give you this as a definite assignment because it is all a little too nebulous right now, but I can shoot a pass in your direction and you may want to catch it and try to put the ball through the hoop.

Incidentally, in our April poll we are planning an all-baseball questionnaire, which will be sent to the big league ball players as a bloc. If you have any baseball questions in mind that you would want to give me, I would appreciate them very much. After baseball, we may try an all golf poll, and in time perhaps work in these single sport polls as a sort of change-of-pace.

With thanks for the fine job you did on the basketball piece, and with hopes that we can get together on some other projects in the future.

Sincerely,

Ralph Cannon