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Major William Brady
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Territory of Hawaii

Dear Bill:

I am glad at least that I got my letter off to you before your letter arrived here in Lawrence. I would have been a stinker to have had you write me two letters just to get one. So now to show you that I am 100% American, I am evening up with you and telling you I am tickled beyond measure that you received your "Majority"; that is swell. Congratulations from the entire Allen clan and all your good Lawrence friends.

I know how busy you must have been and are now, because it seems as if we have had no let-up here.

Doubtless you received my letter and know why I feel a lack of confidence in our ability to make the journey to Hawaii. There are so many people out on the coast in the colleges and universities who desire to make that trip that their pressure and promotion outranks the midlanders. But, of course, if you could do any good we would be glad to turn a receptive ear in that direction. However, with the little almond-eyed boys raising Cain I am afraid that our younger generation will be casting their sights in another direction.

You asked about Tom Woodward. Yes, indeed, I know him very well; in fact, I wrote a letter to his mother last week on the death of Tom's father. However, I did not know that Tom was out there with you. Give him my kindest regards and extend to him my deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his splendid father. His father was a personal friend of mine, but I did not get to attend the funeral as I was out of town at the time of the death and the funeral.

We are putting on a Community Chest drive here and I happen to be chairman of the K.U. drive here on the hill. The YMCA drive came just previously and I was assigned to this building, but on the Community Chest, which is the first united drive of this kind for Lawrence, I have the whole hill and what a job it is.

I am starting my basketball practice with the loss of three seniors: Voran, Ebling and Harp, and the loss of Miller from a trick knee. He has had both cartliages removed; the external one last May, so he is laid out this year thinking that he will play next year, but I believe he will be playing on Uncle Sam's outfit before he will represent the Crimson and Blue of Kansas.