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Dr. Forrest C. Allen Varsity Basketball Coach University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

The other day I had a little talk with Bob Hendren about returning to school. It appears that Bob has several offers from various schools such as Purdue, Minnesota, Washington State, etc., and still is undecided as to where he would like to go.

His offers are very attractive and alot of schools are offering him quite a sum of money which would be pretty hard for him to turn down. Hendren just turned 21 not so very long ago and has a great future ahead of him, naturally he wants to go to some school in which he can make a name for himself. No doubt he could do that no matter where he matriculated which he proved through his athletic achievements here with the Second Air Force in both football and basketball.

In my opinion Doc., Bob needs to talk to a convincer and I'm sure if you could talk to him sometime it would help alot. I know the money situation has been very attractive but I tried to explain to him that money isn't everything and that it is the education he would receive and the contacts he would make through basketball and football that is important. Bob has received all sorts of publicity here and he doesn't quite see it that way. It would be a shame to pass up this boy because I'm positive you can make an All-American out of him three years in a row. As far as the financial situation is concerned you will know what to do about that and how to talk to him. Please get this boy-he is terrific. By the way Hendren is a Sgt. now.

I can't understand why Cpl. James Kane didn't answer your letter. In my opinion he is another one of your battlers-tall, rangy, lots of fight, and above all a swell kid. He left Cuba unexpectedly before I could talk to him. However, he appeared very much interested and talked as if he would like to play under you. If you know someone in Chicago that could contact him, and sell him on Kansas University I'm sure it would help. In the meantime I will drop him another letter and have it forwarded to him wherever he may be. For all I know he may be out of the army and this would be the proper time to get in touch with him.

Cpl. Kane just finished high school before entering the service, and like Bob he has a great future and shouldn't miss the opportunity to profit by it. It almost makes me shudder to think that these two boys would get away because they are your type of ball players, and I know they would give you two or three championship clubs with some additional help. When Charlie, Snelly, Dixon, and a few others come back we want to do some pushing around and show these other schools that K.U. is still tops. And I hope we will all be there by the fall of 1946.

Give my regards to Mrs. Allen and the boys. If I can help out in any way please let me know. With kindest regards I remain,

Very sincerely,

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