

January 17, 1945.

Mr. Jack Elliott,  
R. S. Elliott Arms Co.,  
1508 Grand Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Jack:

It was not necessary for you to write me, although I did appreciate your informing us of the passing of Taft Talbot. I read it in Monday morning, December 18, Kansas City Times.

I was only sorry that I could not get up, but the services came at a time when I had no one to leave my basketball squad with. Therefore, I was not able to go, but I was there in spirit because I was very fond of Taft.

I am sure that Taft would have desired you boys to be his active pallbearers.

I have not written Mrs. Talbot, but I expect to in the next day or so. I intentionally delayed writing her because so many letters come in at that time that I thought a letter a little later on would serve the purpose better.

Through all the years I have been very fond of Taft, and although he had to go that way, I am sure that you and I and all of us would prefer that way when the time comes. All of us discussed the untimely passing of Taft, and each deeply sympathized with his loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.