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Dear Doc,

I got your fine letter of congratulation. Beth and I are really happy and so far everything has gone off without a single hitch. I sure hate to leave so soon again on another trip but that was part of the bargain.

As for your kind offer of a gift. I don't know of a single thing I'd even bother Santa Claus with let alone a busy basketball coach. Just win that Big Six again and that will be the best present you could ever give a Kansas alumn.

I would however like to trouble you for a little information in regard to some service possibilities that I may be partially qualified for. I don't know how long it will be before I get called but if the war continues at its present pace it may be within three to six months. At present I have 3+ classification.

I was wondering in particular about some phase of basketball coaching, instructing, or other recreational programs in either the army or navy. I realize, not being a phys. ed major, I don't have very good qualifications for anything of that sort; but from talking to some of my friends in the camps they tell me some of the coaches are really poor, and that there is a great demand for them.