

June 23, 1939.

Mr. John W. Burn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Johnny:

It was good of you to write me as you did and it will be an added kindness if you will see Burt DeGroot when he comes your way and tell him the things that you know so well.

We are getting along fine and making wonderful strides, and a friend's kind words to an incoming teacher will be greatly appreciated both by the receiver and by me.

We are enthusiastic about the work that we think he will do here and we welcome him with open arms.

Thanking you for the good part that you played in obtaining this young star for us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

June 12, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

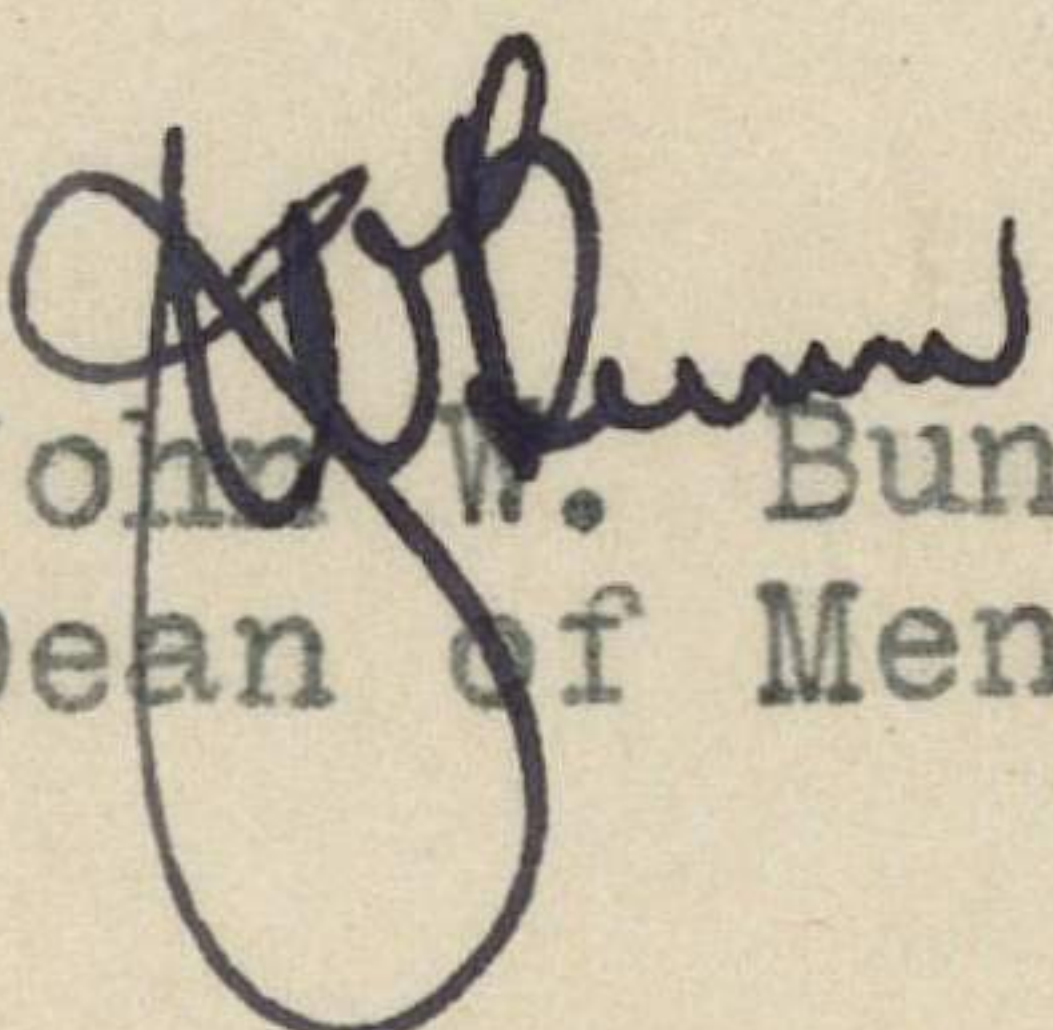
Dear Doc:

I am glad to know that Burt DeGroot has received the appointment on your staff for next year. I am sure you will find him a very helpful addition. He is young, vigorous, and very sound in his thinking. I rather imagine that the neutral report which came from the Islands is due to the fact that they had expected him to remain there for three years; he had just finished his second term.

Burt will undoubtedly stop here on his way to Kansas and I shall plan to pass on to him any helpful information concerning his new job. It is possible that I can make some comments concerning the organization there which you in your position might not feel justified in making.

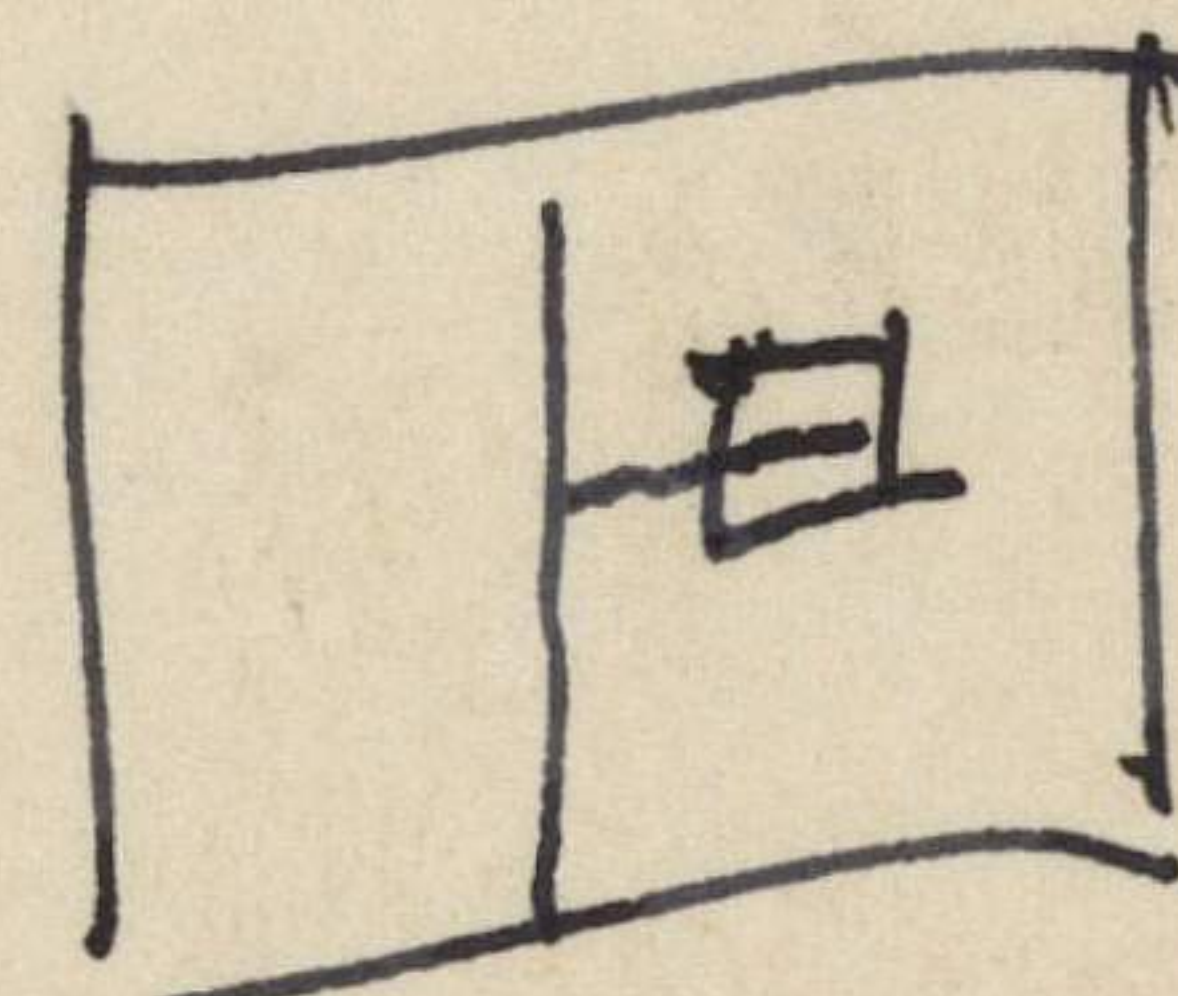
With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

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SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

San Jose, California

June 19, 1939

MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Forrest Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

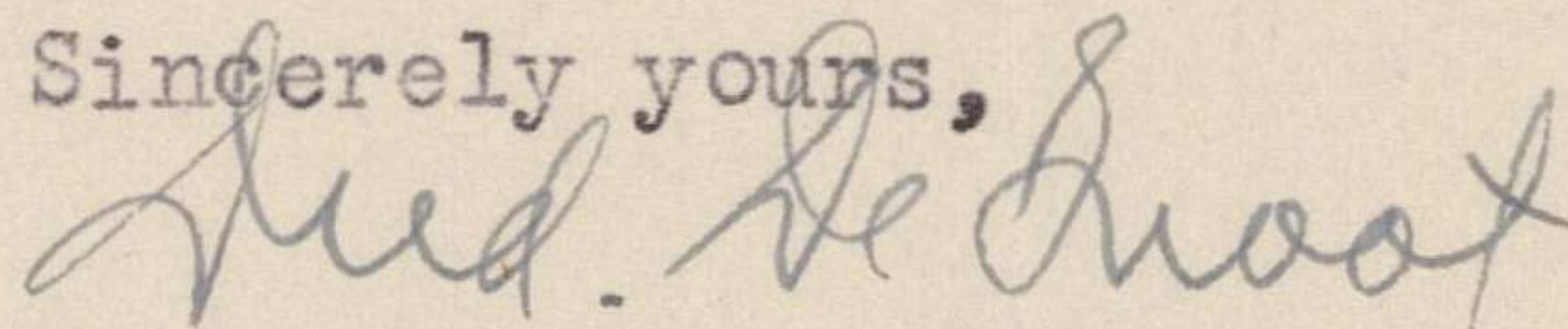
We are so pleased to know that you recommended Burt for your vacancy, and that he has decided to accept. I envy him the opportunity he shall have to work under your fine leadership, and that is not applesauce!

I have just had a most enthusiastic letter from him, and Mrs. DeGroot had one from his wife. They can hardly wait to start work in their new location.

I sincerely hope that he will live up to our expectations. Certainly, for conscientiousness and sincerity of purpose, I am sure you will find few short-comings. In fact, it is my opinion that you will probably have to put on a little pressure to make him take time off from work to take a little of this much talked of recreation and leisure!

Thanking you so much for sending me a copy of the inspiring letter you recently addressed to Burt, and with very best wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,



DUDLEY S. DeGROOT
Director of Physical Education

DSD/ald

August 3, 1939.

Mr. E. B. DeGroot,
c/o Dudley S. DeGroot,
San Jose State College,
San Jose, California.

Dear Burt:

I am sending this letter to you in care of Dudley, because I thought you might have left Honolulu before the letter would arrive there.

There has been an unavoidable change in some of our plans for the teaching schedule next year, and I wanted to advise you early so that if you wished to make any preparation you would have time for it.

We are planning to turn the course in Kinesiology over to one of our other instructors. We are planning to have you supervise the practice teaching for men in Physical Education. The women students are supervised by Miss Joie Stapleton, a member of our women's staff. Miss Stapleton is a K. U. graduate, has her Master's degree from Columbia University, New York, and has several years' experience in the school system of Kansas City. I am sure you will find her very cooperative and a fine person to work with. We feel that your teaching experience will be a great advantage and very valuable to you in this supervised practice teaching.

I am enclosing a sheet from our catalog which will explain in brief something about our practice teaching in the School of Education. At present we have only the Oread Training School in which our students may do their practice teaching and receive credit for same. However, we have definite plans in mind whereby we may also use the public schools of Lawrence for this purpose. The Lawrence schools greatly need the service we can offer them, and we are hoping to work out a plan of reciprocal benefit in the very near future.

We are eagerly anticipating your arrival in Lawrence, and trust that you will have a most pleasant journey this summer. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Kamehameha School for Boys
Honolulu, Hawaii
May 10, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

My dear Dr. Allen:

In a recent letter, John Bunn informed me that there would be a position open in your department at the University of Kansas. John said he did not know the exact nature of the position or what the duties would be, but he intimated that work in general health, physical education and athletics would probably be included. I am very much interested in a position of that nature and I would like to be considered as a candidate for such a position on your staff. I believe that my training, experience and background qualify me for university teaching.

At present I am completing my second year as Director of Athletics at the Kamehameha School for Boys in Honolulu, where my duties include the direction of physical education classes, the intramural program, coaching, and teaching units of hygiene and preparation for marriage and home life in the senior orientation courses. Previous to coming here, I had four years of experience in coaching and teaching physical education and academic subjects in three California high schools. During my three years at Vacaville High School, I was head of the physical education department and coached all sports with more than an average degree of success. Besides my coaching, physical education classes and intramural work in high schools, I have had several summers experience as life guard, pool director and swimming instructor with the Los Angeles City Recreation Department. I also held the position of assistant camp director for several summers in the Los Angeles Council Boy Scout Camp where my duties included the teaching of swimming, equitation and sports.

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education courses required to obtain a teaching credential in California prevented my enrolling in some of the basic courses which I needed for a physical education major during my last year at Stanford. My work in graduate summer schools and my six years teaching experience, however, have been chiefly in physical education; and my thesis was written on a physical education subject. I expect to continue work in physical education in summer schools, although last summer it was interrupted by a trip around the world, which I felt was equally valuable. Besides my Masters Degree, I obtained an administrative credential as well as the regular teaching credential while at Stanford. During my years in high school and college, I competed in football, basketball, track and swimming. I was on the All American Honor Roll in track for the year 1931.

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If you do consider me as an applicant for the position in your department, I shall be glad to supply any further information you might want and I shall also be glad to forward to you the addresses of any persons under whom I have worked and whom you might like to contact for further reference or information.

Yours very truly,

E. B. DeGroot, Jr.

E. B. DeGroot, Jr.

Director of Athletics.

SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

San Jose, California

May 15, 1939

MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Forrest Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Upon my return from the Fresno Relays this morning, I found your good letter of the 12th, together with a Clipper letter from Burt.

Since I am authorized to act as intermediary by both parties, may I say that if you are ready to offer Burt the vacancy in your department, he is ready to accept. Naturally, he was somewhat concerned about the rather heavy decrease in salary which the change will involve, but is reconciled because of the promising future which he visualizes in being associated with you at Kansas.

His present employer has been extremely kind to him, and Burt feels that he must advise him of his contemplated change at the earliest possible moment. Since school closes in Honolulu on June 1, it is highly essential that Burt advise Dr. Barnes just as soon as a decision can be reached at Kansas, and a definite offer extended to him. There are other involvements in the Honolulu situation which would make it highly desirable, from Burt's standpoint, to reach an early agreement.

In answer to a few of your questions, may I say, first, that although Burt has had little occasion to do research work, I would have no hesitancy in saying that he is well qualified. He has a very analytical mind, and, from the few jobs of this sort which he has tackled, I feel sure that he could handle normal research satisfactorily. He has been particularly interested in teacher training work in physical education and I am sure would accept any assignments you might hand him along this line, with unusual interest. Second, Burt has talked with me a number of times about proceeding with the doctorate. He is anxious to do so but has felt that both for financial and geographical reasons, it was out of the question, at the present time. I am sure that he would be very much interested in making an early start on his final degree, if located at Kansas.

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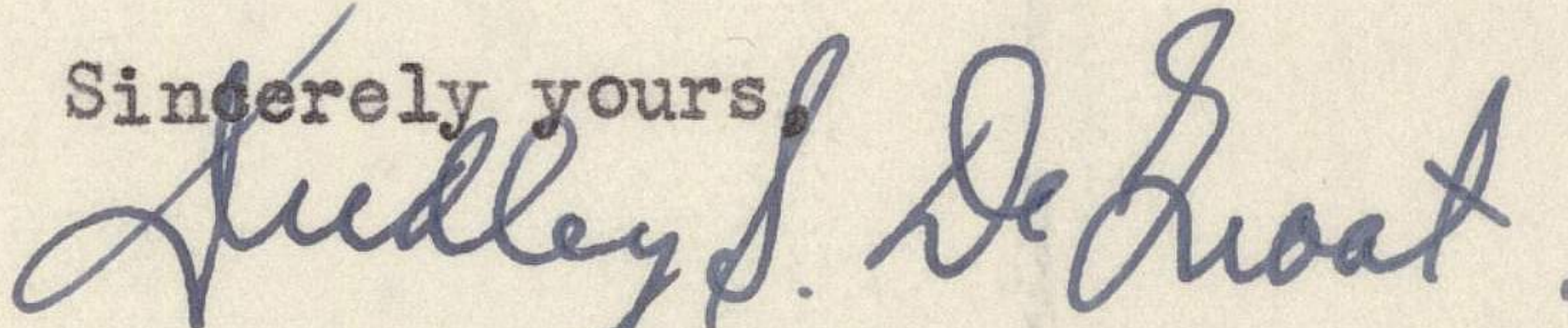
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I trust the above answers your questions and conveys to you the desirability, from Burt's standpoint, of having a positive offer from you at the earliest possible moment. I deeply appreciate your willingness to accept John Bunn's recommendation, as well as my own, without having seen Burt, and I am sure that if you decide to offer him the appointment, you will not be disappointed.

If you will wire me the minute you have a definite offer, I will in turn relay the message to him, or if you would prefer to contact him directly, you may do so at the address listed below.

With best personal wishes and sincere thanks for your kindness to Burt, I am

Sincerely yours,



DUDLEY S. DEGROOT
Director of Physical Education

DSD/ald.

Mr. E. B. DeGroot Jr.
Kamehameha School ~~for Boys~~
Honolulu, Hawaii

Pls send Credentials
of Mr DE. Troost, ^{with short letter} to
Dr F. O. Russell
for his perusal then
check up to get them

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back so that we can
turn over to Tom Bairles
his picture so that he
can send a story in
to the K.C. Star & Jew

Pls. make notation
Dudley De Loat his position
& etc also Bert's younger
brother at U.S.G. & his
journal record thru etc
all for publicity for Bert

August 8, 1939.

Professor F. O. Russell,
Oread Training School,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Russell:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am sending you herewith the confidential credentials of Mr. E. B. DeGroot, Jr., who is to be an instructor in our department this coming academic year. I would greatly appreciate having these records returned to us at your early convenience.

I am also sending you an excerpt from Mr. DeGroot's letter of application which covers his training and experience. Mr. DeGroot's brother, Dudley S. DeGroot, who is director of physical education at San Jose State College, also wrote me concerning his training. You will note that he says his brother has been "particularly interested in teacher training work in physical education".

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Excerpt of letter from Dudley S. DeGroot, Director of Physical Education
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June 28, 1939.

Mr. E. B. DeGroot, Jr.,
Kamehame School for Boys,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Burt:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 19th instant. I am very glad to give you the information you asked for, and will try to answer your questions in the order they are given.

Our school year is operated on the semester basis - two semesters of 18 weeks each.

The course History and Principles of Physical Education is offered for three hours credit a semester (class meets an hour a day three days a week); and the course Track and Field is offered for two hours credit a semester. We do not have an established syllabus in any of these courses. The courses are usually a combination of lecture and discussion.

Dr. E. R. Elbel, who has been teaching the history and principles course, has used the following as reference texts: Leonard & Cozens - History of Physical Education; Rice - A Brief History of Physical Education; Nixon & Cozens - Introduction to Physical Education. He will be glad to supply you with his list of readings, examinations and any other material.

The text which has been used in Track and Field is Bresnahan's Track and Field Athletics. You may, of course, wish to use some other text - Dink Templeton's, or some other.

I have been working on the idea of finding a pleasant, furnished apartment for you and Mrs. DeGroot, and am able to give you a progress report. There is one very nice place close to the campus, the home of our former Dean of the Engineering School, George C. Shaad, who died a few years ago. Mrs. Shaad has been away for a year, and is now coming back to enter her youngest son in the Engineering School this fall. I talked to Mrs. Shaad yesterday and told her about you and your desire for an apartment. She will have an apartment consisting of two large rooms, use of the kitchen, a garage, all bills paid with the exception of telephone, for \$35.00. This seems very reasonable, as many of the

apartments further from the campus rent for around \$45.00 a month.

I have made several inquiries in regard to a library position for Mrs. DeGroot. There is a regulation at the University that both the husband and wife may not be on the state payroll. That, of course, eliminates any possibility at the University library. In regard to the city library, I called two members of the City Library Board, but so far as they know there will be no vacancy there. Mr. Neal Wherry, the principal of our high school, tells me that occasionally they call for some assistance in their library, and that he will be glad to see Mrs. DeGroot when you arrive. There might be a possibility for occasional work there.

I will continue to investigate the apartments and will send you information from time to time.

We are looking forward to your arrival, and in the meantime if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to write.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Kamehameha School for Boys
Honolulu, Hawaii
June 19, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for taking the time to answer my inquiries so completely during your rush period at the close of the school year. Your reply has made me very enthusiastic concerning the opportunities at the University of Kansas and the new school term cannot begin too soon for me.

I like the courses and the work you have indicated will be my assignment for next year. I believe I can carry out all the assignments except the course in kinesiology; I really am not prepared to teach that this year. While we are on the topic of courses for next year, I would like to ask a few more questions: How is the school year divided at Kansas, into quarters or semesters? What is the length of the courses you have indicated that I am to teach, that is, history and principles and track and field, one year, semester or quarter? Do you have an established syllabus in history and principles or am I to make up my own course? Are the courses chiefly lecture, discussion group or combination? What texts are used?

Sem. - 18 weeks

3 hrs. sem.
2 hrs. "

I quite agree with you that my first year at Kansas should be devoted entirely to my teaching and my own general orientation. My inquiry as to obtaining credit for advanced work was made with an eye to the later, rather than immediate, future. I am very happy to know that the opportunity for advanced credit will be available to me at Kansas.

Your offer to aid us in finding an apartment in Lawrence is very kind. If you do have the time later in the summer, we would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Would September the first be an early enough date to begin paying rent in order to secure a fairly good apartment or must one be secured earlier? We do not have any children; therefore our apartment would not have to be very large, but we would like one completely furnished and one in which the heat is also furnished. I have no idea what rental rates are in Lawrence, but in that we are not exactly rolling in wealth this year, economy is a very definite factor for us. Perhaps, at your leisure, you could give us some ideas on rental rates.

I am sorry to bother you with more of our personal problems, but there is one other matter on which you might be able to advise us. My wife, Ruth, is a trained librarian and has had eight years experience in the Pasadena Public Library, Stanford University Library, University of Hawaii Library, and is at present head librarian at Kamehameha Schools. Her library training was obtained at the Los Angeles Library School, and she has an A.B. from Stanford. We had planned that Ruth would work one more year here and then "retire". Do you know whether or not there are any opportunities for a trained librarian either at the University or in the public library at Lawrence? If such an opportunity does (or might in the future) exist, Ruth would like to apply for it.

*No opportunity
in K. U. library
due to regulations
re husband +
wife employment.*

At present our plans are to leave here in August for Vancouver, purchase some woollen clothes there, proceed either by train or automobile to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and then to Lawrence.

Thank you again for your courtesy and consideration in answering all our questions ^{and} in helping us to become located in Lawrence.

Yours sincerely,

Burt de Groot.

School year divided into two semesters of 18 weeks each.

History and Principles - 3 hrs. credit (class meets
an hour a day three days a week, a semester)

Track and Field - 2 hrs. credit

History and Principles: lectures and readings

Texts - Leonard & Cozens: History of P. E.

Rice: A Brief History of P. E.

Nixon & Cozens: Introduction to P. E.

Dr. Elbel, who has been teaching the course,
will be glad to supply his list of readings and
examinations, and any other material available.

Track and Field: readings and lectures

Text - Tuttle & Bresnahan: Track and Field Athletics

Furnished apartments will probably average \$45. mo.

No opportunity for Mrs. DeGroot at University library
on account of regulation regarding employment of
husband and wife.

Underwood Apts.

643. Tenn

note — ave. #45. mo.

Miss Thompson's house

across from Courtin

(south) — 1 large apt.

for \$50.

August 12, 1939.

Mr. E. B. DeGroot, Jr.,
c/o Dudley S. DeGroot,
San Jose State College,
San Jose, California.

Dear Burt:

I find that several days have elapsed since I should have written you regarding your good letter of the 27th ultimo. I have just called Mrs. Shaad again regarding her apartment and find that all of her friends have advised her that she is renting the apartment entirely too cheaply.

If she pays all the bills, with the exception of the telephone, they insist that she should have \$40.00 per month. This includes the garage.

Burt, I have looked all over this town for apartments and the smaller ones rent for \$45.00. This town is an old New England town which has many large houses, but few nice apartments. The trend is now in the direction of taking these old houses and making them up into apartments, but the metamorphosis has not been fast enough to please the young couples who have small families or none at all.

I want to also revise my statement in regard to Mrs. Shaad's young son entering the Engineering School. He has a prep year that he is going to take in Philadelphia where he was last year, so it will be another year before he comes to our Engineering School for study. Therefore, Mrs. Shaad will be alone in the house, but she lives in the loveliest neighborhood adjoining the campus and she has spent a lot of money fixing up her home.

Frankly, I think, Burt, that if you would get this place it would be fine, but I do not want to talk you into the proposition. I want you to make your own decision. A person came here from Colby this summer to look at the place and they were delighted with it, but they have two small children and Mrs. Shaad did not rent it to them as she has raised four or five children and she now wants quiet and rest. However, she is not a person of nerves - a very genteel and lovely woman. She said that when she has guests at times she would want the use of the dining room downstairs, but it was her impression that if the people who rent the apartment are the kind of people she hopes to get they would have the run of the house - the fireplace, the dining room, the sleeping porch, and so on. But I would want you

to make your own decision and be happy about it.

I will endeavor to find every possible furnished apartment for you when you arrive in Lawrence. Won't you please tell me as nearly as possible when you expect to arrive here? Sunday I am leaving for St. Louis and Atlanta. I have a coaching school down at Atlant at Georgia Tech that runs until the 26th of August, and then I am coming back to be here continuously around and after September 1st. So if I know just about what time you are arriving I will have things shaped up so that you can see all the places available and make your decision.

Of course, Mrs. Shaad is anxious to rent her place but she does not have it listed with the real estate men and will not list it. The only contacts that she is depending on are through the faculty. As I said, she has already made several refusals, so you see it is not a matter of money with her, but more compatability and adjustment. Mrs. Shaad has made several changes in her house, and if I do not get over to look at the property I am asking my secretary, Mrs. Hulteen, who is married and has one child, to look the place over and write you fully. If and when she writes you, you should decide that you are pretty definitely certain you do not want it, will you write me and let me know so that I can tell Mrs. Shaad she is free to go ahead with someone else. By my having contact with her she is very kindly holding it for your acceptance or refusal.

If you should happen to be in San Francisco, Mrs. Shaad has a son, Paul, in the Russ Building with the General Electric; or if you should be in Berkeley his address is 1812 Capistrano. Paul has been over at Honolulu for three months on an excursion with the General Electric, and Mrs. Shaad said that just before she left after visiting Paul he had turned down a very lucrative offer to to to the Philippines on permanent tenure.

I would like for you to talk to John Bunn regarding the Shaads because John took his engineering degree under Dean Shaad. He was a grand man, and the Shaads have a lovely family.

By the way, when you come to Lawrence while you are looking for a place to reside we want you and Mrs. DeGroot to be guests in our home. We have had six children and now we have but two at home, Bob and Eleanor, who are both in the University this year. So we will have ample space for you and Mrs. DeGroot while you are making a decision for an apartment. Bob has finished the second year of his pre-medic work and Eleanor is entering as a freshman, but took some summer work in the session just ended so as to get accustomed to the transition from high school to the University.

We live at 801 Louisiana Street, and we would like for you to drive right up to the place and make yourselves at home. I assure you that it will be no imposition or crowding by having you in our home. It will be a delight. Won't you write me at your earliest telling me when you expect to be in Lawrence. I desire to be present when you arrive.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Kamehameha School for Boys
Honolulu, Hawaii
July 27, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of some weeks ago and for your generous expenditure of time and effort on our behalf. This last month has slipped by very rapidly and Ruth and I are both anxious and impatient to be on our way to Kansas and the new job.

Mrs. Shaad's apartment is certainly reasonably priced and the location would definitely be an advantage. We wondered, however, exactly what the situation would be in relation to the kitchen; would we be allowed to use it all the time or would we be sharing it with Mrs. Shaad? We intend to eat at home almost entirely wherever we may happen to live. We will have a car, of course, and won't mind living some distance away from the campus if some worthwhile apartment should be available.

I have read all the books you mentioned in connection with the course in History and Principles of Physical Education and I shall review them before arriving there. I have read all the books on track and field in print, as far as I know, and I also have copious notes from courses by Templeton, Hamilton, Christie and others. Any text selected for the latter course, therefore, will fit in very well.

Thank you again for being so patient with all my letters of inquiry. If you should hear of any more promising apartments we would be glad to know of them, but please do not put yourself out on our account.

Sincerely yours,

Burt De Groot.

August 15, 1939.

Mr. E. B. DeGroot, Jr.,
c/o Mr. Dudley S. DeGroot,
San Jose State College,
San Jose, California.

Dear Mr. DeGroot:

Dr. Allen left for St. Louis and Atlanta last Sunday night, but before he left he asked me to go over to Mrs. Shaad's home and talk to her about living quarters for you and Mrs. DeGroot. I could hardly call it an "apartment", because it would be Mrs. Shaad's intention to give you practically the entire run of the house. She is most desirous of being friendly and cooperative with the people who come to live in her house, but at the same time she would never intrude.

I will try to explain the plan of the house and the privileges which you would be granted, as she told them to me. The kitchen is most conveniently arranged, with a dinette table at one end, and an abundance of cupboard and storage space. Of course she is furnishing the cooking utensils and dishes, etc. She has a lovely dining room, and would make this arrangement in regard to that: she would turn the dining room over to you for your use all the time except special occasions when she might be having guests, or she would let you use the dinette in the kitchen every day and on occasions when you might wish to entertain in the dining room you could do so. Also, I am sure you could use her large living room at any time you desired to entertain guests there.

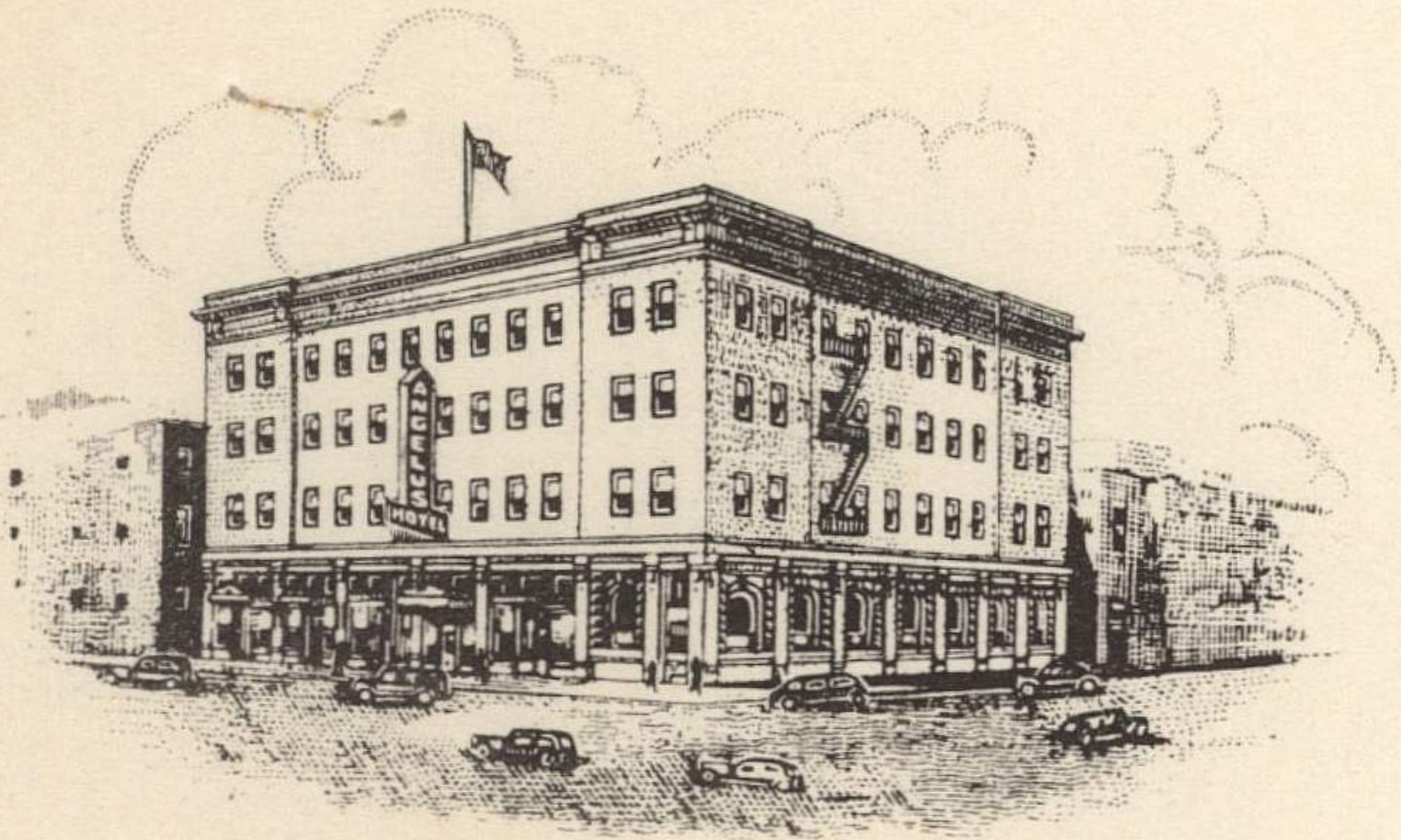
Upstairs you would have your own living room and bedroom (two separate rooms), use of a very nice sleeping porch and bathroom. Her rooms are very nicely furnished, well ventilated, comfortable and livable. Her price, as Dr. Allen has told you, is \$40.00 a month, which includes all utilities and garage. This seems very reasonable in comparison to other living quarters in Lawrence. Personally, I would find it a very attractive place to live, and I think Mrs. Shaad is quite congenial. As soon as you arrive in Lawrence she will be glad to have you look at her place.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.

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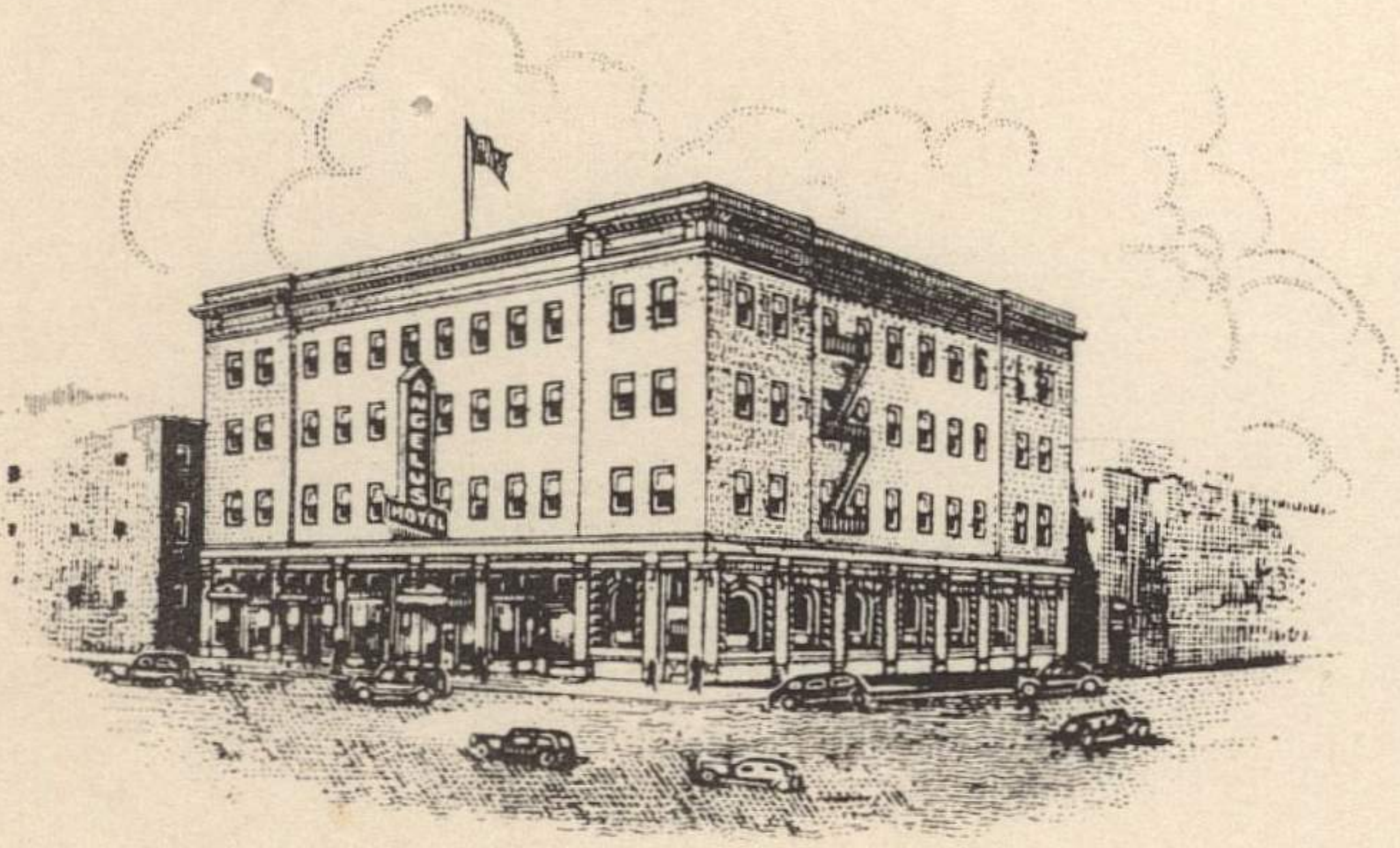
Dear Dr. Allen:

We arrived in Vancouver today from Honolulu and found your letter waiting (which had been forwarded by Bud).

Thank you very much for your continued efforts on our behalf on the housing situation in Lawrence. From all the information that you have relayed to us, I'm sure that we would make no mistake by taking the apartment with Mrs. Shoad. If the apartment is still for rent, therefore, please tell Mrs. Shoad that we would like to rent it. I shall advance the first month's rent for Sept. 1st) as soon as I arrive.

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Thank you also for inviting us to stay with ~~how~~ you. If Mrs. Shoad's apartment is ready for us, however, we shall go directly there.

The exact date of our arrival in Lawrence is still not definite to the day, but I am buying railroad tickets tomorrow and I believe we shall arrive there on Sept. 8 or 9th. I turned in my car on a new one before leaving Honolulu; that seemed to be the most economical move in view of the cost of transportation & repairs.

I shall write a note to you from Los Angeles telling you more exactly of our day of arrival.

Both Ruth and I are looking forward with eagerness to our life and work at Lawrence. The boat trip was a fine rest and I am anxious to "get on the job."

yours sincerely
Burt de Groot.