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MEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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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.

In addition to his work in track, Burt was a good football and basketball player and a better than average swimmer. His work in