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Dear Burt:

I am answering your favor of June 3rd at once and sending it by Clipper mail. I have been waiting for a spare moment until examinations were out of the way so that I could write you more fully regarding the University of Kansas and her environments.

As you doubtless know, the City of Lawrence and the University were founded by New Englanders. Amos Lawrence, of Boston, Mass., for whom Lawrence was named, ex-Governor Robinson, for whom our gymnasium was named, Horace Greeley, who wrote for the New York Tribune, were early Massachusetts pioneers who passed through Lawrence on their way to the gold hunt in California in '49. These men saw the possibilities of having Kansas as a free state prior to the Civil War. Horace Greeley stopped on Mt. Oread and wrote back to the New Yorkers that this hill should some time be adorned with a college.

When I have more time I want to write you at length giving you some information as to the wealth of tradition that Kansas holds. This town was sacked and burned by Quantrill's guerillas, a group of Missouri border ruffians, on August 15, 1863. The Missourians claimed that this was a reprisal for what the Kansas people did under General Order No. 11, a Union order causing the Missourians in Kansas City and eastern Jackson County to abdicate and declare their allegiance to the governor. The Missourians claimed that the Kansans seized upon this general order to commit depredations over Missouri.

Therefore, the Kansas-Missouri rivalry takes on something even more traditionally exciting than the Stanford-California Big Game. One football coach who previously coached here at Kansas and was the son of a pioneer, stood up at a gathering and said, "I can tell you that my grandfather used to shoot at these fellows over there". So you can imagine that in the early days the rivalry must have been intense. This game still carries with it a tremendous emotional appeal. There is a book called "Order Number Eleven" written by Mrs. Wallace. I hope that your library or some library that you have access to affords you an opportunity to read it. It will give you the Missouri angle to the situation and when you come to Lawrence you will have plenty of opportunity to speak to the old timers who will tell you of the atrocities of the Quantrill raid.