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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Varsity Basket Ball Coach
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

After reading the paper this morning in which I read of your great game with A. & M., I received a telegram from John Buescher and the Basketeers. They have invited me to see them play against Colorado on Friday night, but since I am call by the U. S. Navy, it almost seems impossible for me to attend. Regardless, be sure to give your former pupil another lesson.

Since leaving Lawrence I have placed myself on a rigid diet and excercise program. During the past three weeks I have lost 18 pounds, and now weigh 186; besides my rubber tire belt line has disappeared.

I certainly appreciated your writing Gene Tunney for me. At present the Navy Air Corps is in need of business executive material, consequently, my application is now on file, and I am waiting to hear from them.

Will be thinking of you and the team on Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday, the 20th, I will be twenty-eight years old, and no other present would please me better than a victory over C. U.

My best to Mrs. Allen, Mary, and family.

Sincerely

John,

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