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Mr. John H. Glenn,
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Dear John:

Congratulations to you on your defense position! Best wishes to you, John.

We will be looking for you to be with us when we play Nebraska and Iowa State here. The boys think very highly of you and we want you on our bench.

When you come I especially want to take you over to Dean George B. Smith's office for a conference with him in regard to John Buescher. Dean Smith is a young, active fellow, who came here as Dean of the School of Education this year from Iowa. He is keen, intellectual, and a follower of sports, but he is cracking down on some of the boys. I want you to give him John's background. Dean Smith called me yesterday and said, "What are we going to do about John Buescher?", and I told him that perhaps the best thing would be for him to graduate from some small college where his credits would be accepted.

John is fine, is popular with the students, and is progressing all the time, but apparently he does not have the capacity to master some of his studies. He failed this past semester in five hours of Zoology, and was on the borderline in others. I had talked previously to Mrs. McNair, his teacher in Zoology, and she said he was doing fine, but when he wrote his final examination paper he received a grade of 33. There was nothing she could do but give him a flunk.

In his Speech class the final examination was a talk before the class. There were 14 members in the class, and John was the 14th to be called upon for his talk. He had it prepared - he was going to talk on the trip we made to New York last year - but when it came his turn he got the buck and told Professor Calderwood that he was unprepared. If I had not been able to talk to Professor Calderwood and explain to him some of John's difficulties he would have failed in that course. As it was, Mr. Calderwood was kind enough to allow John and Charlie Black to take a make-up quiz.

John is gaining an education all the time, but I do not know whether his inability to make good grades is due to lassitude or to something else. I thought if you could explain to Dean Smith your