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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

After receiving your letter of January 24 relative to the conduct of John Buescher, I wrote him a "stinger" of a letter. Also, I had a heart to heart talk with his dear mother and she too wrote him yesterday along the same line.

Mrs. Buescher, as you know, is sacrificing personally to put her son in a better position in later life to achieve every mother's goal,--success.

Last summer I was very careful to watch the personal habits of John Buescher and found them to be clean, and his thoughts along the same line. It appears to me that too much newspaper publicity and campus heroism has gone to this Dutchman's head. Perhaps when the balloon is punctured he will wake up only to find it too late to own and become the wearer of a Kansas "K".

Please write me if you think there is anything I might do to better John's condition in Lawrence. You and Mrs. Allen, Eleanore, and Robert have probably done more for this Kansas sophomore than any other athlete ever entering your university. Worse still I personally recommended him to you as a clean, upright boy worthy of an education and coaching such as both you and the University of Kansas have afforded him during the past three semesters.

I believe you know me well enough to know that I wouldn't have returned him to your campus if his habits and mental conditions were as they are today. Incidentally, his mother couldn't understand either and she and Junior have been very close.

Again, keep me posted on John's progress or decline.

Cordially yours,

John,
JOHN H. GLENN

JHG/RH

I am enclosing John's letter that was received five minutes ago.