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Mrs. F. T. Golay,
Warrensburg, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Golay:

I regret to inform you that I have been forced to dismiss George from the varsity basketball squad. I trust that he will give you a history of his first coming to the University, when Mr. Charlie Moore got him a job with the Standard. He lost that job and then Mr. Moore went over the filling station attendant's head and got him another job.

Then after that played out we gave him a job at the University. He failed to please Elwyn Dees, the trainer and property man, and Dees had to dismiss him. We then gave him a job with Mr. Dell Davidson, superintendent of the stadium, on outside work. George didn't like this outside work and came to me and wanted me to go over Dees' head and give him inside work again. I told George that I would not do this, that he would have to sell himself to Dees for work next year in the property room. George succeeded in doing this, and Dees was well pleased with him in his work and thought George was well on the way to recovery.

Then Fred Pralle and George had several mix ups in which they imbibed too freely. This was last year. I called George and Fred in my office and had several earnest talks with them, and each time the boys promised to do better. Fred seemed greatly humiliated and he would endeavor to work out of his bad situation by penitence and hard work. George would seem chagrined and embarrassed, but it seemed easier for him to break over than it did for Fred.

I told both George and Fred that the rest of the boys on the squad noticed this clamishness of these two boys and their withdrawal from the squad in a social and friendly way. This hurt the squad morale, and I so explained this to the boys. Fortunately we were able to win the Big Six Conference championship last year, in spite of all these obstacles.

I told George last year during basketball season that I had just about decided I didn't want him back on the squad this year. I told him I wanted him to graduate, but I did not think he took his athletics seriously enough to be of any value to the team. He came to me early this fall for the conference that we were to have. We had a long and serious talk, and he told me that he wanted to work for Phillips and I told him that I would be one hundred per cent for him and that I would do everything I could to land him there. He promised faithfully that he would train and give everything he had to the squad. It was not long