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Col. Lawrence Mc Jones
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Dear "Biffer":

I have a favor to ask you and I would greatly appreciate it if you would accommodate me. I know the problems that an Athletic Director faces with his football coach even though he is the finest fellow in the world. The pressure on a football coach is tremendous and I am always amazed that these coaches do not kill ten or twenty guys everyday.

Here is a problem at the University of Kansas. I am on the Homecoming Committee which chooses the Queen or makes arrangements for this. Homecoming is here at Kansas on November 17. The committee plans to use a kochdrome sixteen millimeter film. The length of the film is between 400 and 500 feet and the time of running will not exceed twenty minutes. Twenty-four University coed's will be entered and photographed. Each girl will have a number which will be placed on her portrait which she submits and will be on the film.

Allen Crafton, Director of Dramatic Art, is helping the committee with the staging and he will meet the Queen candidates in order to help them so as to avoid awkwardness before the camera.

We would like to ask as a great favor that your United States Military Academy football team select the Queen. I know how little time your candidates have but I am wondering if you as a good old friend of ours and as a man who spend quite some time among us Mid-Westerners would not do us this favor. I assure you it will be appreciated more than you quite realize.

It will add a "big bang" to the whole Homecoming program. I will greatly appreciate it if you will let me have your reply at the earliest possible convenience. The Homecoming Committee is going ahead with the plans and all they need now is an angel in the shape of a Colonel.

My kindest personal regards and congratulations to you and coach Blaik for the wonderful Army team, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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