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Dear Harold:

Yes indeed! I do remember you very well indeed. You certainly did enough with that basketball to make an impression upon me.

I am delighted that you are considering the University of Kansas and I assure you that you will not be disappointed if you enter K.U. We too are hoping that the Jap conflict will terminate abruptly. It may happen most any time and then again, the Jap mind may go awry and things may be postponed somehow.

If I were you and expect to live in this part of the country I would go to a school where your athletics introduce you favorably to business and society. You have the ability, the intelligence and the personality to be one of the postwar basketball stars of the first magnitude. Frankly, I would like to have you play with us. I believe that we will have a good team, and I know that you can hold up your end without any question of doubt.

Yes, to my way of thinking you will be eligible as a junior when you return. I am sending this letter airmail and sending our catalog on physical education under separate cover. I am also including, along with the catalog, a copy of our Jayhawk Rebound. It is a monthly letter that I get out to our boys in the service. I started one on July 25 but my secretary's mother took ill and she is still out of town.

I am glad that you like the coaching angle because your outstanding play will introduce you favorably. Your basketball will be your laboratory part of your coaching work. Therefore, if you have the desire to coach you should make a splendid success because your studies will not be a drawback to you as is the case with some boys who depend entirely on play and not on study as it should be.