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DEAR DR. ALLEN:

LESS THAN THREE HOURS AGO " JAYHAWK REBOUNDS" NUMBER FIVE REACHED ME, BRINGING ME NEWS MY NOSTALGIC SOUL HAD BEEN THIRSTING FOR SOME LITTLE TIME. IT ISN'T THE FIRST EDITION I HAVE RECEIVED FOR I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES TO RECEIVE EACH EDITION, AND I HASTEN TO ASSURE YOU THAT EACH HAS BEEN ENJOYED TO THE MAXIMUM OF ITS INTENDED PURPOSE.

APOLOGIES ARE IN LINE FROM ME FOR MY BELATED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A REAL " MORALE BOOSTER", BUT LET'S CALL IT TARDY AND NOT TOO LATE. ACTUALLY I AM NOT ENTIRELY TO BLAME BECAUSE OUT WHERE I HAVE BEEN THE PAST FIVE MONTHS THE OPPOSITION HAS BEEN KEEPING US AS BUSY AS OLD FRED PRALLE USED TO KEEP HIS BEWILDERED OPPOSITION.

IT HAS BEEN A LITTLE OVER EIGHTEEN LONG, EXCITING, HOPEFUL MONTHS SINCE MY SIZE 12'S KICKED THE LAST PIECE OF USA GRAVEL OFF THE SOLE, BUT AT THIS POINT I AM RATHER HOPERUL OF A NOT-~~TOO~~-FAR-DISTANT TRANSFER BACK TO THE GRANDEST PLACE IN THE WORLD. KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED FOR ME.

A LOT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN MY ABSENCE, FOR, AS YOU POSSIBLY KNOW, THERE IS A LITTLE FRANK III, WHO, FROM ALL INDICATIONS IS GOING TO MAKE A MIGHTY IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE JAYHAWK FIVES BEGINNING WITH 1960. ALL PICTURES INDICATE " ALL AMERICAN" QUALITIES ALREADY, THOUGH HE WILL ONLY BE TEN MONTHS OLD TWO DAYS FROM TODAY. I AM MOST CERTAINLY BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE THE " LITTLE MAN WHO ISN'T THERE", NOT " WASN'T THERE"!! I SORT OF THINK THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY DESIRE FOR WANTING TO GET STATESIDE.

I HAVEN'T RUN INTO ANY JAYHAWKERS FOR SOME TIME, THOUGH IN THE FIELD OF ~~ATHLETICS~~ I HAVE MET SOME MIGHTY NICE FELLOWS. RECENTLY HAD A SHORT CHAT WITH A FELLOW, WHOSE NAME I FORGET, WHO WAS ALL AMERICAN TACKLE AT TEXAS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. HAVE RECENTLY BEEN FORTUNATE TO VISIT WITH GENE TUNNEY ALSO. I TAKE IT BACK ABOUT NO JAYHAWKERS. NOT VERY LONG AGO I RAN INTO BOB HOUK, ( NOT SURE OF THE SPELLING OF THE LAST NAME), BUT HE IS A LAWRENCE BOY AND WE HAD QUITE A VISIT. HE HAS FAIRLY RECENTLY LEFT THE STATES SO WAS ABLE TO GIVE ME A LOT OF GOOD GOSSIP, AND WE EAT UP GOSSIP FROM HOME IN THESE PARTS..

CANT TELL YOU MUCH ABOUT OUR LOCATION BUT WILL SAY THAT AT TIMES IT IS HOTTER THAN THE '42-'43 EDITION OF PHOG'S FAMOUS FIVES. AT OTHER TIMES WE ARE IN MUD UP TO OUR DUFFS. I THINK IT IS THE ONLY PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU CAN " STAND IN MUD UP TO THE BACK OF YOUR LAP AND HAVE DUST BLOW IN YOUR FACE AT THE SAME TIME".

THE NATIVES ARE REALLY " LULU'S" AND A GREAT SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR US, INASMUCH AS WE BARTER WITH THEM AND TRY HARD TO UNDERSTAND THEIR PIDGIN ENGLISH.