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December 17, 1943.

Mr. Lacy Haynes,  
Kansas City Star Bureau,  
Kansas City 12, Kansas.

Dear Lacy:

Got your beautiful Christmas card and I certainly appreciate your thinking of me. Lacy, I am sending you some data that may fatigue you, but some time ago Mrs. Allen asked me why I did this and that; why I ran all over the country; why I took the chairmanship of the Red Cross; why I accepted the presidency of Rotary Club; why I had charge of the war fund and community chest drive on the hill, the President's birthday party, and so forth; and why I went over the country making addresses to the high school football, basketball and other athletic teams.

One night I would be in Emporia and the next night or so in Coffeyville. For a while it was difficult for me to realize why I did it. While she was in California this past fall I sat down and wrote her a letter and incorporated some of the stuff that I am sending you. I thought you might be interested in reading some of this - should I say tripe - but it was rather serious to me.

Since you have been my very good friend in more foul weather than fair, I wanted you to know some of my inner thinkings. For that reason I am sending it to you and hope you will forgive my taking all your time in reading this epistle.

By the way, we are playing a tournament in Kansas City on the 29th and 30th of December with Missouri, Kansas State and Washburn, and as usual we would miss you and Mrs. Haynes tremendously if you are not there.

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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