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Dear Dr. Allen:-

May I have a confidential chat with you on matters that must not go beyond this correspondence. You have always been a wise counselor and I respect your opinion.

Of course you know the anxiety of a father's heart for his son's welfare. I have but the one boy, - and of course I am intensely interested in his future.

Robert will finish the Physical Instructors Course about September 15th. Then will come the question of assignment. I notice that Paul Christman has been assigned to work at Columbia Missouri for this fall. Also that one of the coaches from Manhattan had been assigned to the Gardner project. Canady was sent back to Kansas and there are other such cases. I am wondering if that just happened or if there was some influence that aided in placing them ~~son~~ ^{much} to their liking. Have you any influence that could be used in bringing Robert to some training base near home? I understand that they have a number of Navy men in training at K.U. and will have more this fall. It would be so fine if Robert could come back here for his work. Can you see any chance to help him at all?

Of course we have another worry and that is that it seems that they are not giving all the boys Physical Instructor Assignments but placing them in others branches of the service. Robert will do his best any place he ^{is} assigned but he will be very much dissapointed if he is not allowed to do the thing for which he enlisted-and that is Training work.

I do not want a word said to any one that I have written to you- I merely want your judgment in the matter. Robert does not know that I have written thus- he would not want me to even raise the question. But you have boys and I know your fatherly interest in your own and also in other boys who have been close to you. I want your opinion on the whole matter. I shall hold strictly confidential all you say.

I am going to Lebo- Kansas for a few weeks and you may address me there in care of C. C. Cummins.

With best wishes, I remain,
Most cordially,

