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My dear Dr. Allen:

You will no doubt recall our meeting at the Rotary Club luncheon at Lawrence, Kansas on November 13, 1944 at which time I asked if you would be so kind as to help correct certain statements printed in the October 19, 1944 issue of the Kansas City Star, copy of which is attached hereto, concerning my father William M. Baine, now deceased.

While I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. E. McBride of the Kansas City Star, I understand he is a very fine gentleman whose sportsmanship and integrity is beyond reproach. I am sure had he known the facts about my father he would not have permitted certain statements to be printed in the article in question.

For your information, my father was graduated from the first Commercial Class of Haskell Institute during June, 1902 and thereafter attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin where he played football and worked in the State Senate as a Senate stenographer under the sponsorship of the late Senator LaFollete, then Governor of the State of Wisconsin. He was the Football Coach of the South Dakota Agricultural College of Brookings, South Dakota at the time of his untimely death at Sisseton, South Dakota during December, 1906 due to a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted upon him by another party who was his personal friend.

I am enclosing herewith certain documents which should be returned after they have served their purpose since our family will always treasure the memories of our father who, in our opinion, was not only an outstanding football player but a gentleman respected by his fellow workers and friends. In the event I ever have the pleasure of meeting you again, I shall be glad to relate more about his personal life which I know you would appreciate, knowing him as you did.

You asked me to tell you something about myself. Well Dr. Allen there is little to tell about myself. Since I did not have a father, it was necessary for me to obtain a greater part of my education as many others have done under similar circumstances. I was graduated from