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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you very much for your cordial letter of May 18.

I am glad to know that you have the jacket that Lowe and Campbell made for you in 1926. I should like very much to see this jacket, and if I have the opportunity of being in your part of the country soon, I should like to talk to you about it.

A number of our customers are interested in making various forms of hooded jackets this year and we, of course, are selling fasteners for them. There is a patent attorney in New York whose client has a patent on a different form of hooded jacket and he is causing our customers and us considerable annoyance by trying to stretch his patent to cover the jacket we are promoting, and threatening to sue us. We believe that the jacket you have which was made many years before the patent was applied for, is like the jacket our customers are now making and not like the patent. We have taken this matter up with the attorney in question, and we believe if we can satisfy him that jackets such as we are now promoting were made prior to the date of filing application for his patent, useless litigation will be avoided. For this reason, I should greatly appreciate your sending me the jacket as you suggested. I should like to show it to this attorney and I should also like to know how we can prove you bought the garment before, let us say, 1931.

I shall appreciate it if you will, before sending the jacket, mark it in some inconspicuous place with your initials or some other identifying mark so that if it ever should become necessary, it will be possible for you to sign an affidavit that this particular garment identified by this mark, was purchased by you at a certain time.

I do not wish to put you to any trouble or inconvenience, but if you have any records handy that you can refer to, I should very much like to know what they are.

It is quite possible that I will be out in that part of the country some time this Summer, and if I am I should like to talk to you about this matter. Do you plan to be in Lawrence all Summer, or do you