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PORTIS, KANSAS,
April the Seventeenth,

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

This will make the (I don't know how many) times I have started a letter to you. Generally, I do not quit on a letter but it has been one thing and another this time and I have been very busy besides, so that is it.

I started writing you the night you had your last game with KState there on Hill and had more than a page written when it started getting intensely cold and I quit and went home. It was after we had heard that you (KU) won from the Saggies. Of course I was glad of that, but in the letter I had written some in reply to an earlier letter from you as to Max being disillusioned and so on. However, by that time, Max had been doing so well towards the last of the season that I felt he had changed some and was hitting a pace I had always felt he could.

So I destroyed the part of the letter I had written and was glad for the word I got about Max. I had just gotten home that night when the phone sounded and someone who had seen the game, called me and told us that they had just seen Max play a fine game and told me all about it and it made me and us feel so good that I forgot any short-comings he had previously had. Then, too, I had letters and other word later all very favorable for Max and so I felt good. One of the officials in the game wrote me that he could say as much or more for Max as he could for any other player in the Big-6 and that was that he was always a gentleman on the court and he had never seen or known of him doing a thing that was unbecoming. I was of course, glad for that, as I never had seen him do a thing on the court here in eight years of play that I could at all be ashamed of. The referee said it was unfortunate that Max fouled out and that really he did not make a couple called on him. However, I felt that Max was so happy that he was trying so hard that he likely fouled more than he ordinarily would. His average all thru school here was two fouls per game.

I feel that we owe you much for keeping Max going and likely getting the most out of him. I judge that for a time there on the Hill that he might have felt there were so many good boys that he was just 'another' player and was content to drift along with the team. Once in the winter when he thought he was going to be called to service, he wrote me asking what to do. I wish I could locate the copy of letter I sent him. If I do I will send it to you, as it may have had some bearing on his final stretch down the season's end.

Max writes me that he feels you (KU team) could have won the Ncaa at KC and also New York and been where Wyoming was if the team had been able to stay together. I felt so too. He said that the team this year was almost unbeatable when they were all clicking or having 'a good night.' But you had a grand season anyway and we are all happy out this way. I got a tremendous kick out of you beating both Oklahoma teams down in their own yard.