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Dr. H. L. Kirkpatrick
Mills Building
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

Thank you so much for your letter and the enclosure of \$10.00. I thought surely I had sent a thank-you note to you but upon checking back I find I have not acknowledged receipt of your kindness. I know that I talked to you over the phone regarding Charles Walker from Hutchinson, and I mentioned the fact and thanked you.

I am writing to tell you that I am still planning to see you and Bal and pay you a luncheon, but so far I just have not made the grade. I am here in the office Saturday night dictating letters endeavoring to get caught up with my correspondence so that I can get away from the desk to do the things I very much desire to do.

I wrote Dr. J.H. Schrant at Hutchinson and asked that he send the prescription for Charles Walker to the Safe-Play Goggles Company. I have an acknowledgement from the Safe-Play people in Beloit, Wisconsin, dated October 2, saying that when the prescription comes through they should have the glasses to us in about eight days.

We certainly need some guards; guards that can shoot. Our scoring efficiency is way off. We are missing Harp and Voran's scoring power from the guard position. Kline, of course, could not hit last year and he cannot now. I see no great hope for him hitting the basket from any distance on the floor, either from the field or from the free-throw line, but on a fast break or on a swing around, Kline will get some baskets. However, if the opposition is smart enough they will play one man out in front of the basket on a semi-zone set-up and allow Kline to run anywhere he wants to over the floor and then pick him up when he comes in under the basket. Of course, we will try to remedy this when the opposition tries it, but that is the way to keep Mr. Kline from scoring.

Bob's shooting is off and Engleman is doing all right, but we really need somebody who can pepper the basket and we have not found him yet. That is the reason I started early--to see if we could not develop someone--but it is difficult to replace old heads. However, I have a boy named Sollenberger from Hutchinson who is a good boy and will make a good guard, but he will be green.