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The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

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Dr. W.W. Davis
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Davis:

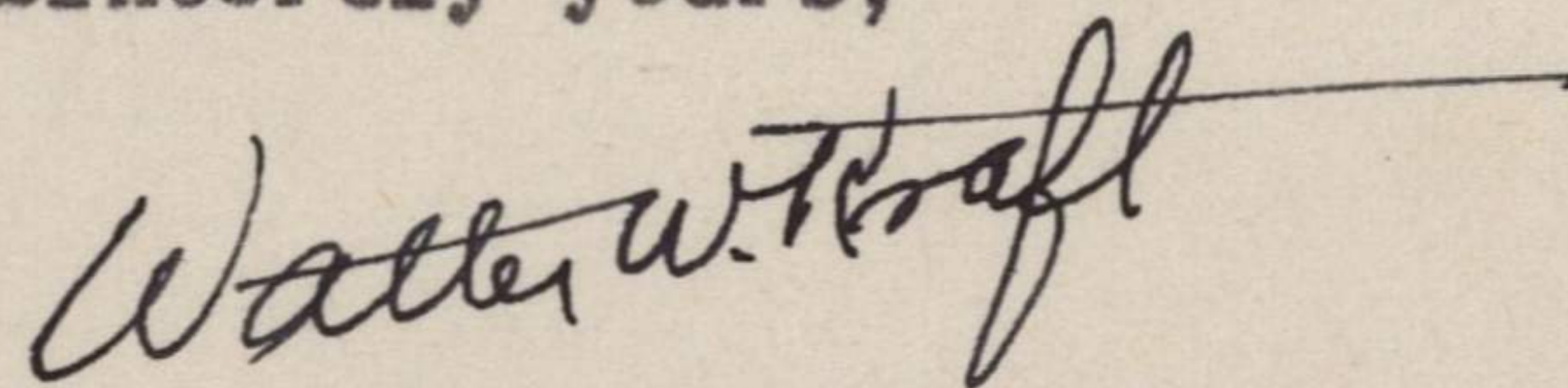
I am enclosing herewith a newspaper clipping regarding a statement which was reported to have been made by Dr. Forrest C. Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas, concerning the transfer of Gerald Tucker from Kansas State College to the University of Oklahoma.

We here at the University of Oklahoma assume that Dr. Allen would not have made this statement unless he had some reason for making it. It seems to me that it would have been better to have brought this matter directly to our attention if Dr. Allen thought that there was anything irregular in the transfer of this young man. In justice to the University of Oklahoma, we feel that Dr. Allen should now give us the information which he insinuates that he has. We would, therefore, appreciate your obtaining from Dr. Allen, any information that would tend to show that Mr. Tucker transferred to the University of Oklahoma because of pressure or interference on the part of some utility manager.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Bruce Drake our basketball coach and he advised me that he has not directly, or indirectly, tried to influence Mr. Tucker to transfer. I have also discussed this matter with Gerald Tucker and he advised me that he made his decision to transfer to the University of Oklahoma of his own accord. He felt that he would be happier here and that he could get the school work which he desired more satisfactorily here than at Kansas State, and that since his family was anxious to have him come to the University of Oklahoma, he decided to make the change. He communicated with the Registrar and Dean Gittinger through his brother and found that he could transfer without loss of school work.

President Bizzell has been greatly concerned about the statement made to the press and has asked that I communicate with you in the hope of securing further information on this situation. I would therefore greatly appreciate receiving information in the possession of Dr. Allen in support of his statement to the press.

Sincerely yours,



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