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H. L. Kirkpatrick, M.D.  
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Topeka, Kansas

Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

Gee, you are a regular fellow. There are few people who will take the initiative to write, let alone enclose a check with their letter. You are not only a celebrity but a celubrity. And does Jack Ballard appreciate the things that you are doing for him.

I want you to know, Doctor, that I appreciate more than you know the kindnesses that you have shown because what you did was the difference between Jack Ballard choosing Kansas instead of Missouri. By now he is the most loyal fellow to Kansas that you can imagine. He has the pep, enthusiasm and personality to make him one of the great boys in this round ball indoor sport.

Of course, I am silly enough to have taken baseball, but I like to get out of doors. However, I am going to call you up someday real soon and drive up to Topeka to have a luncheon date with you - just for you and me. We will have a short visitation to renew the old Baldwin days when Lamar Hoover was your rival. And then we will renew those Ku Ku days back in the troublesome times after the war. I like to chew the fat over those old days because there was something about them that was challenging and I liked it. So look for a call from me sometime soon. I am coming up and have a good visit.

I appreciate your expressions of loyalty and heartily agree with you that there are many fair-weather friends. Nothing succeeds like success, you know. Somehow I look ahead to the future with optimism for our basketball prospects and I want to say that you definitely have been a potent power in adding to that optimism.

With all good wishes and appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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