

Portis, Kansas,
June 16th, 1941.

DR. F. C. ALLEN,
KU Athletic Office,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

A thing I intended to ask you about the other day at your office, and which I neglected to do, or have Max do, was in regard to him playing baseball this summer. That is I want to know what he can or can't do to keep in good standing with the U. as regards future athletic competition there.

Can he play Ban Johnson ball or some junior type of baseball or try out with any league team and still retain his amateur standing? Of course I want him to retain his standing at the University.

Here is the situation. He likes baseball but has never had much chance to try out or play it. I have observed him play softball and he does it very well in fact real well and he has told me at times that he wishes he had played baseball. Is he allowed to play or try out for Ban J. baseball? Or would he be allowed to try out with the Topeka league team, and say not play with them? And would playing with them making him ineligible for athletics in college? Advise me as to what you suggest and will see that he stays in line. I know he will anyway but he might get the baseball fever and want to try out somewhere. I think in a year or two he might do pretty well. Several KU boys are on a softball team in Topeka and I thot Max was really the best one of the lot in all-around play. Several boys there at the Fi Cap house told me Max was outstanding in the softball tourney there on the Hill this spring and that he was a cog in the house winning the title.

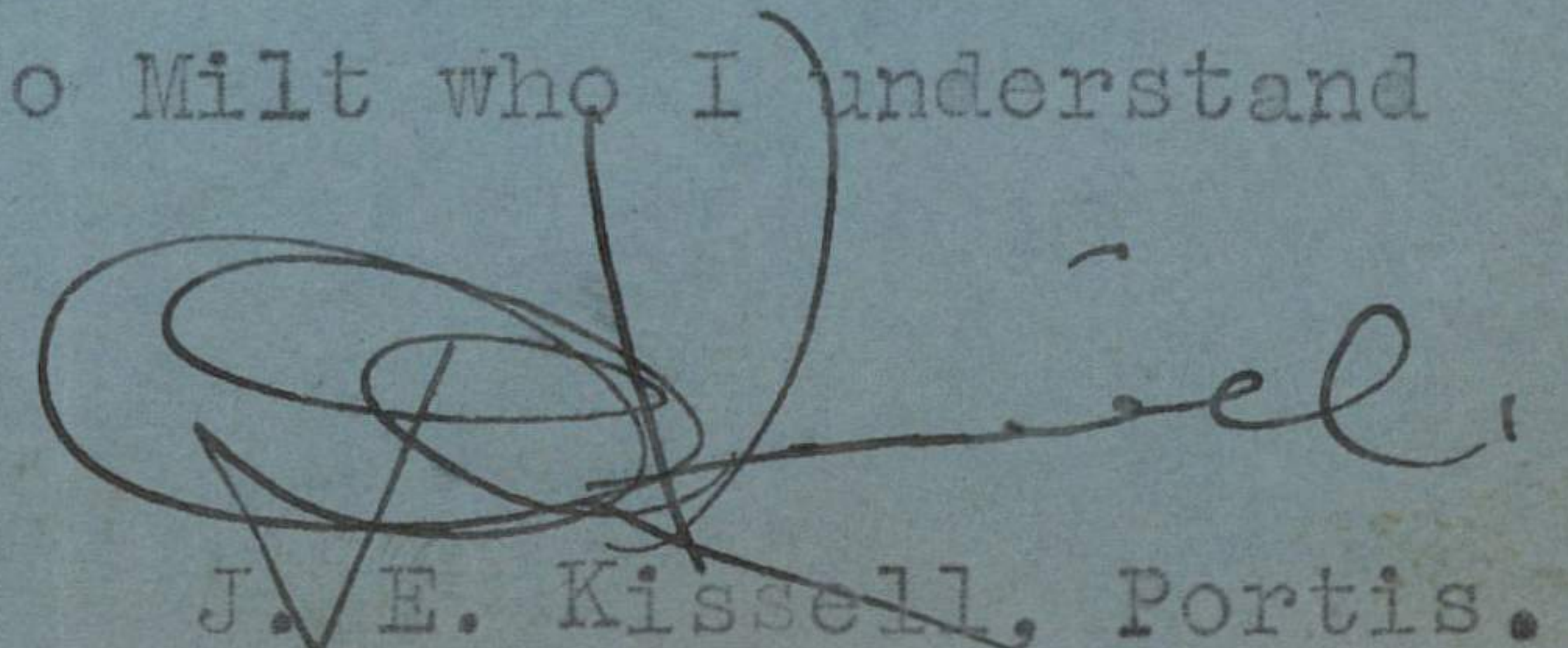
Also want to thank you again for the help you gave Max during the year and the general advice you extended at various times. Max thinks you are No. One as a gentleman, coach and sports authority, and that is a fine thing for you to have thot of you, and also a fine thing for him to be associated with one of whom he can think and feel that way.

Max was worried about Ray Evans, that is sorry to hear that he had slipped down some in some class. He thinks Evans a fine lad and they visisted each other a good deal during the past school year there. Max also liked all the boys there at the House and I guess it was well that he started right out with the fraternity. I think probably the influence there has been for the best all year. I thot, so far as I could observe, that the boys there were a fine group and well selected. I was at the house several times during the year and never at any time or any place around the House, saw anything that anyone could be ashamed of or criticise.

Thanks again and will be glad to hear from you any time. Also if you have suggestions for what Max should take up at the U. in the future, will be glad to have them either to me or to him.

Regards to the folks at home and Bob and also Milt who I understand is also there at Lawrence for the summer.

Sincerely yours,



J. E. Kissell, Portis.