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Mr. Robert L. Gray, President,
Sheffield Steel Corporation,
Kansas City, Missouri.

My dear good Friend:

It seems that every time I contact you I am asking a favor. However, I assure you this is nothing personal.

I am interested in the success of young men and the progress they make, just like you are.

J Carl Johnson, a member of our Big Six Championship basketball team here at the University, is very desirous of obtaining office experience in some large corporation. He has been told that such positions are open in the summer time at your place. He has spoken to me about the matter and has sought my friendship in asking that I write you so it would be possible for him to have an interview with you toward accomplishing his purpose.

Carl has mentioned to me that he has often hoped that when he gets through college he could work for Sheffield Steel. He expects to graduate from the School of Business here at the University next spring, a year from this date. While at Northeast High School Carl made an exceptionally excellent record in his academic, athletic and other school activities.

He has taken many of the basic accounting courses and practically all of the courses in the financial section of the School of Business.

You were especially kind to give Carl and George Golay jobs in the mill last summer. It was fine of you to do this, and I want to again thank you for doing it. Now Carl is wanting to gain some business experience, and naturally he turned to friends of his whom he hoped could help him.

Carl has also made an excellent record here. He is one of the outstanding students and one of the finest athletes at the University. I have great confidence in the ability of this young man to go places in the business and financial world. He is clean, capable, and an exceptionally hard worker. He is very sincere in everything that he undertakes. I would consider it a personal favor if you would give this young man any consideration that business conditions will warrant.