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Dear Mac:

School is still going on and will be until August 9th, after which time I hope to be able to run in and have a conference with you concerning our committee's desire to stage the finals of the N. C. A. A. basketball championship. There are many things that I wish to discuss with you and I will get in touch with you after this above mentioned date, hoping that we can have that necessary get-together.

I sincerely hope that you and Helen are feeling well and that Helen is entirely recovered from her ailment that gave her so much pain and trouble.

By the way, I just received an autographed copy from Johnnie Bunn of his "Basketball Methods". I am much pleased with the autograph, but I am sending you the content of it - entirely confidential and not intended for anyone but you. Of course, I was pleased to read the preface on pages 7 and 8. He paid me a greater tribute there than I deserve, but it is pleasing to me nevertheless. He is working with a grand character in Dr. Thomas A. Storey, and I can see why John paid him the great tribute that he did.

I like this part of the preface: "If it were not for the inspiration and sound basic basketball knowledge which I received; if it were not for the encouraging support of my many friends during fair weather and foul and for the kicks in the back that I received from the few, which made me fight to show them how wrong they really were, the following pages could not have been written. To them all I humbly make acknowledgment and offer my thanks." That sounds exactly like Johnnie Bunn and proves him the fighter that he is.

And now I am sending you a copy of another epistle that is intended only for you. A few months ago at our coaches meeting, the Big Six made a schedule and Frank Root along with the other boys took his schedule home only to find that Mr. Ahearn thought it was an impossible schedule for Kansas State.