

June 25th, 1941

Lowe & Campbell
Athletic Goods
Kansas City, Missouri

Gentlemen:

I am herewith returning under separate cover, seven unused boxes of badminton shuttlecocks which I wish to exchange for aerial tennis darts.

I would like to have you secure aerial tennis dart birdies which are manufactured by the Sells Aerial Tennis Company there in Kansas City.

We would like to get these as soon as possible as we wish to use them in our Summer Recreation Program.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education
and Recreation-Varsity Basketball
and Baseball Coach.

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Partridge, Kansas
July 19, 1941

Dear Sir,

I intend to attend coaching school this summer and am writing you for full particulars.

I would like to know when school starts, + what it will cost to attend.

I will appreciate any other information you can give me.

Hoping to hear from you very soon.

Sincerely yours

C. Luer A. Linscheid.

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July 26th, 1941

Mr. Paul Fairhurst
Lowe & Campbell
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Paul:

Inclosed find my check in the sum of two dollars
and fifty cents, same being for volley ball net and deck
tennis ring.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education
and Recreation-Varsity Basketball
and Baseball Coach.

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July 28th, 1941

Mr. Robert Lynn
Kerrylyn Petroleum Co.
% First National Bank Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Bob:

I have heard nothing from Vic or Gwinn regarding my trip to Oklahoma City. I believe that you said you would write to one of them and suggest that I come down to interview your prospect.

I assure you I will be happy to do this at some time convenient with you.

Vic told me that he was down to see you and perhaps you and he got the job done when he was there. Am I correct?

You can understand my position in this matter. I cannot initiate it. But, it was my understanding that you would write them suggesting such a procedure.

With all good wishes for your continued success and happiness, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education
and Recreation-Varsity Basketball
and Baseball Coach.

FCA:rc

July 31,

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Mr. Robert H. Lynn,
Kerlyn Oil Company,
First National Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bob:

The carbon copy of your letter addressed to Vic Hurt was received this morning. While I was teaching classes Vic came in and left a notation with my secretary that he would discuss this with me at my convenience.

I have heard nothing from him or Gwinn regarding this and did not feel that I should promote it, but I did want you to know that I was waiting for something to be said before I could make a move. Thank you for writing. I shall make a progress report in a few days, as soon as I talk with Vic.

With all good wishes, I am

Faternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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July 29, 1941

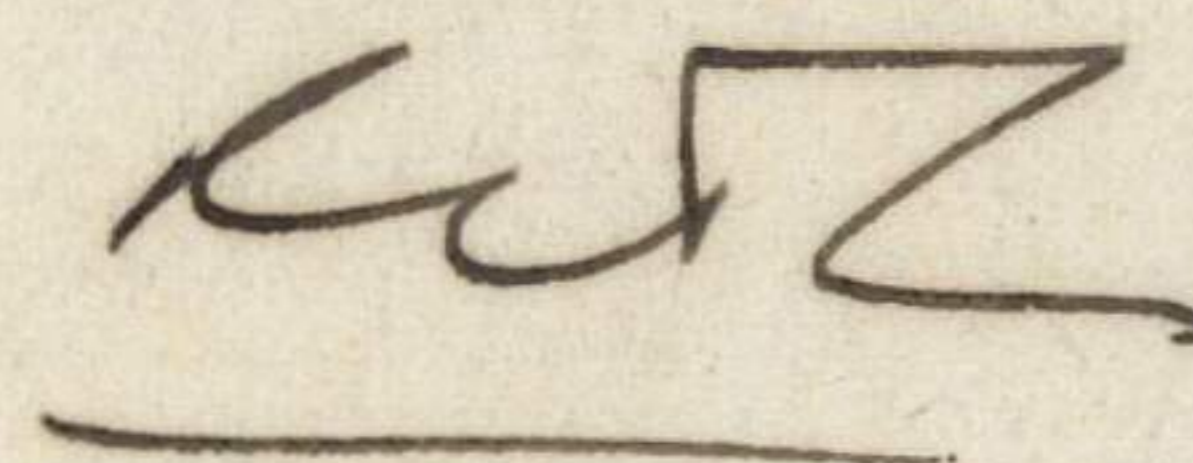
Mr. Vic Hurt
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Vic:

A couple of months ago, over long distance, I suggested to you that possibly it would be of some assistance to you and your department if you would send Dr. Allen down here on a short visit. Inasmuch as I have not heard from Dr. Allen, I am wondering if you followed up on this matter.

kindest regards.

Yours very truly,



RHL:LJM

bcc: Dr. F. C. Allen ✓
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

August 7, 1941.

Mr. Robert H. Lynn,
Kerlyn Oil Company,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bob:

I have just gotten word from Gwinn Henry that I could make the trip to Oklahoma, but at the present time I am not sure when it will be most convenient to go.

I just got a circular this morning from Charles Strickland who is putting on a great Phi Kappa Psi outing and rushing party at Mason City, Iowa, on Saturday, August 16th. He has a great set-up, and I have agreed to attend the meeting and be one of the animated cartoons for the dinner festivities which will be held at the Mason City Country Club.

I am to be at a coaching school at Boone, Iowa, which is sponsored by the Iowa State High School Athletic Association the week of August 18th. Clark Shaughnessy, with his "T" formation, Bernie Bierman, with his Minnesota shift, Hank Iba, with his shiftless Oklahomans, and I will attempt to instruct the coaches assembled there.

So I am writing you today to see how busy you are. Jane is to be married September 6th, so from September 4th on I will be busy here, but I could come down between say the 25th of August and the 4th of September if it would suit you. I will go on the train. I am hastening this word to you so that we can make arrangements as soon as possible.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 13, 1941.

Mr. Robert H. Lynn,
Kerlyn Oil Company,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bob:

Upon my return from Topeka I received your letter of August 11th. I feel pretty badly disappointed about this situation. After your carbon copy came to my desk and I was appraised of your writing Vic, two or three days afterward Vic came in and talked to me about going down to Oklahoma City. We discussed the matter at some length, and I told him of course I could not go without authority from Gwinn.

Gwinn was out on a fishing trip and as soon as he returned Vic talked to him, but in the meantime about a week had ensued. I had no decision from the conference, and after about three or four more days Mr. Earl Falkenstien spoke to me and said Gwinn thought I had better go down.

I am serving on the University draft deferment board, which meets three times a week. The registrar and I were in Topeka yesterday in regard to that matter. I was teaching the eight weeks in the Summer Session, so it was impossible for me to be free to get away before the close of summer school on August 6th. It seems that almost every day boys have been coming in from towns over Kansas wanting to discuss their problems for enrollment next year.

In the meantime, Chuck Strickland wired me and asked me to come to Mason City prior to my coaching school in Iowa. Many times I have felt that I did too little for Phi Psi, and when Chuck put the pressure on I acquiesced. Then too, it will give me a couple of days vacation before I get into the heavy coaching work of the Iowa High School Coaches Association. I will be finished there the week ending the 22nd or 23rd. I will return to Lawrence and be here until my daughter Jane is married on September 6th. The groom's father is coming down from Chicago to play golf with me on Friday, September 5th, and on the 3rd of September they have me billed to speak here at one of the gatherings of the Extension Division.

Therefore, I have the week of the 25th to 30th open. Even though you will not be in town if you will prepare the ground for me I will come down and meet those two boys, because I know that you want me to do it. And since Gwinn has given permission for me

to travel on the train it will not be any hardship to get on the Santa Fe streamliner and come down to meet these boys, then come back on the train.

When you called me last Commencement week and asked for this conference I know you well enough to know that you want me to carry through on this project. And I am loyal to you in your desires to do the job the best I can, even though it is not the way we want it. I know I can sell the boys on the University, especially when the ground has been prepared as fertile as it has been by your giving these boys jobs for the year.

So write me and tell me that it will be agreeable for me to do this. Give me the boys' names and addresses and I will work through you on the date that I should come. If you will send a letter to my office it will be forwarded and I will reply promptly from my Iowa address. Even though Dean McGee will not be there, I will with your help make connection with somebody so that we can do the job.

Assuring you that I regret this unfortunate situation, but desiring to call your attention to the fact that I have done everything humanly possible to make an agreeable and convenient date, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Fraternally yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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KERLYN OIL COMPANY

FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING



OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

ROBERT H. LYNN
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

August 11, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I am disappointed at the time arrangements that you can be down here but appreciate your circumstances and know nothing can be done.

I plan to be out of the office the latter part of August and the first week of September and Dean McGee, the only other K. U. boy here, to be of assistance to you will, also, be gone at that time.

I am afraid we will just have to forget your trip this summer and I will see if I can work on your prospects down here toward getting in the school and if so will get in touch with you.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

RHL:LJM

343 Summer St.

Lynn, Mass.

August 19, 1941.

Dear "Phog":

For the past two months I have been exceedingly busy. Work consumes most of my time; a slave to time seven days a week. Besides my employment I studied assiduously during the spare hours. Even the young lady had to be satisfied with "rationed" hours. My vacation week was allocated, also to a (vaca) scholastic grind. I emerged from

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this webster of "busy body-
ness" in splendid men-
tal and physical condi-
tion. I believe that
I wrote a satisfactory
paper for the Mass.

Board of Bar Examiners
but I am not definite-
ly certain.

Although I devoted
my efforts to achieve
a definite scholastic
goal, yet I did ^{not} neg-
lect the current news
events. During the past
two years my analysis
of the international
perplexities has been un-

3) carry. I have forecast
our financial commitments
when Congress discussed
revision of our neutrality
legislation; I was firm
in my belief that the
Russian attack on Finland
was predicated upon the
proposition that England
or Germany would attack
the "Big Bear" in the
near future, and further
that Russian resistance
would be effective resis-
tance. In fact, after the
Congressional elections, a
concerted effort will
be made to involve
this country. Russia

4) alone cannot defeat
Hitlerism, and the army
of Great Britain lacks
the power for a deter-
mined offensive. There-
fore, in my opinion, we
will enter the struggle,
or Russia will formu-
late a peace with Ger-
many. From information
related to me Wednes-
day, the New York
financial circles predict
an eventual (England)
English victory; they
base their hopes upon
the stout resistance
of the Stalinists.

This city vibrates
from the expanding arms

ment program. No doubt⁵
you knew that the
G. E. maintains a huge
plant here. It would
easily cover the area
bounded by 7th to 15th
street and from Mass.
to Ohio streets. Day
and night, both, man
and machine produce
implements for legalised
murder. A freight train
3 1/2 miles in length de-
parts nightly from this
expanding plant.

Of course, you are
disgusted with this
I hastily was. My motive
in writing is not to ex-
pound my political opinions

or military theories, but to
inform you of a financial
venture that promises
rewards because of this
worldly - holedust

I never forget favors.
Slow I may be in recog-
nition thereof, but I never
suffer a permanent mental
relapse. For over a year
I have watched this plan,
which I am to relate to
you, unfold. Now it ap-
pears complete. All that
I say may seem fantastic
and incredible.

First, I wish to de-
pict the individuals
who are the admini-
strative leaders of
the proposed enterprise.

7) Magnus G. Thomsle,
a millionaire with several
frozen assets, is the dyna-
mic organizer. He is part
owner of the Mackay
Copper Mines, which has
been out of production
since the depression.
He draws a substan-
tial income from lum-
ber tracts located in
Canada. He has invest-
ed a quarter of a million
dollars in the Culaha
Gold Mines, which he
hopes will soon be in
production. He, also,
has unliquidated assets

8) in Panama. In addition to these assets he hopes to furnish ships for the government. There is a story connected with the ship building enterprise.

During the last war, Mr. Thorne and his two brothers operated a shipyard on the northwest coast.

One of his brothers was considered an enemy alien since he was an unnaturalized Norwegian. The government, consequently, sequestered their property.

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After the war the
Hague tribunal awarded
them an indemnity
which, because of poli-
tical considerations
had not been satis-
fied. Recently, Mr. Thomk
visited Washington
and submitted plans
for the construction
of self-propelling gaso-
line barges to one of
Mr. Jakes' aides. He
also inspected a site
with retired navy men
somewhere in Chesapeake
Bay; here the way is
to be built for him.

Hiding him in his
 endeavors, to erect the
 shipyard are seven
 southern senators, who
 supported the lease and
 bill. As an after
 thought, I must in-
 form you that the
 brother who was con-
 sidered the enemy
 alien is now conveying
 ships across the At-
 lantic for the British.
 I have garnered these
 facts about Mr. Thomb
 from Mr. Berry who
 has known him for
 many years.

Mr. Berry years ago
 pitched minor league

11)

case fall, and before
he reached the twi-
light of his physical
power, he affiliated
himself with the dis-
tributors of - Saniflux.
For them he is their
New England sales
representative and he
also, is their economist.
In the latter capacity
he finds himself in
the inner councils of
all meetings ^{of the Food Industry}, when poli-
cy changes are discussed.
Furthermore, he performs
economic research tasks
for a leading N.Y. bank.

12) I have known Mr. Berry for about three years. I inquired of him from his former team-mate, and he told me "Mr. Berry was an honest ball player." During my discussions with Mr. Berry, I found him to be cultural in thought and ethical in action. The few short articles he wrote were terse and weighty with the best ethical standard dominating.

Mr. Berry over a year ago had casually shown me some of his private correspondence which

wasn't too personal. Some-
times, the epistles related
to political affairs, at
other times, to economics
and, more often, to ethics.

Last summer one of
the letters discussed a
gold-mill. All this oc-
curred before the passage
of the lease-land bill.
On that mill there
was a mortgage. To
raise money hurriedly
Mr. Thombel offered an
interest in the
gold-mill
plus an (instant) interest
in vast ore deposits not
yet assayed. (During)
He also issued his per-

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sonal note for the amount
of the loan. During the
year the ore deposits
were slawing being
put into such condition
so that they could be
mined. There is mercury,
antimony, tungsten,
(\$50,000 worth on the dump
ready to be milled) nickel
and other vital ores. Also,
the necessary water for
mining is available. He
states that there is a
vein of tungsten which
has a potential value
of three million dollars.
This vein runs six percent
to the ton or at current
prices

15) is worth about \$144⁰⁰
per ton before mining
and milling costs. Mr.
Thomble, a San Fran-
siscan, has been East
twice and he is return-
ing again within a few
days. He will visit
some people in N.Y. who
promised the necessary
financial support, or
return to the Capitol
to contact members of
the Metal Reserve Corp.
(a subsidiary of the Re-
construction Finance
Corporation) who wired
him this week that
he could have a loan

16) from the government.

A \$1,000 loan to this
Mr. Thorne means that
the lender will receive
his promissory note for
that amount plus inter-
est, and also a $1\frac{1}{2}\%$
interest in the ore
deposits of vital strate-
gic minerals. In addition
an interest in the gold
mill which will not be
in operation until the
termination of the world
conflagration. The
probable income should
be about \$3,000 per annum
during the war and

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about \$1,000 per year after
the conflict.

Personally, I am deriving
no benefit such as com-
mission, promise of a
position or any other
indirect gain. I believe
that a personal conver-
sation between you and
Mr. Thombe would be
mutually advantageous.
As I stated before, he is
coming East soon. If
you would like to
speak with Mr. Thombe,
I can make arrange-
ments so that you can

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discuss this matter
with him at Lawrence
or Kansas City. He
usually stops at Den-
ver where the contacts
the officials of the
Republic Steel Co. who
are to purchase his en-
tire output

Morally, I felt I owed
you a duty to inform you
of this situation; strange
it seems, but "that" may
be wealth in this fan-
tastic story.

Therefore, I ask you
to wire me immediately,
collect, of course,

19) whether you are interest-
ed in speaking with Mr.
Thombe. If "yes" I will
find out exactly when
he can be in Lawrence
and if you believe this
talk too fantastic, then
write "No".

In any event write
collect to,

Sam's Corner

c/o Harry Levine

2 Andrew St.

Lynn, Mass.

This way I know you
received my message.

I hope that you

20) and the family spent
an enjoyable summer.

Regards to All,

Harry Levine

P.S. I presented Lillian
with a watch this
week.

August 25, 1941.

Mr. Harry Levine,
343 Summer Street,
Lynn, Mass.

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your very good letter. I have just returned from the Iowa High School Athletic Association Coaching School in which Clark Shaughnessy of Stanford, Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, Henry Iba of Oklahoma A. & M., and I were the teachers. We had a very nice trip and it was a splendid association with each other.

Regarding the investment, Harry, I beg to state that I am in no position to invest a thousand dollars at the present time. Bobby Allen graduated in pre-medical work here at the University, making Phi Beta Kappa. He is entering the University of Pennsylvania Medical School this fall in Philadelphia. Eleanor, the youngest daughter, will also enroll at Pennsylvania along with Bobby. Her dominant reason is, no doubt, that having spent two years at home in the University of Kansas she desires to go to school away from home. My daughter Jane is getting married here on September 6th to a young Princeton graduate who lives in Chicago.

You can see from the above that Mrs. Allen and I will have definite need for all funds on hand or to be obtained. So I am thanking you for your kind offer but telling you that under the circumstances I will be lucky if I have any money to invest in the next few years. If a fellow can keep the wolf away from the door he will be especially lucky.

I trust that you made the bar exam in good shape.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH

August 25, 1941.

Mr. Robert H. Lynn,
Kerlyn Oil Company,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bob:

I have the note from your desk dated the 20th instant in which you state that you may send him up some time after September 5th.

I am sorry that our previous arrangement could not work out.

Fraternally,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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From the desk of
R. H. LYNN

8/20/41

Dear Grog -

Jerry's Boy working
near Ada - will be
in until around
Sept 5th - will
talk to him then
and if it appears
worth while will
personally pay his
expenses up to Lawrence
to see you - Larry we
can't work out trip
here - regards.
R.H.

August 29, 1941.

Mr. Donald V. Lowe,
Middle Amana, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Lowe:

Dr. Allen returned from his coaching duties in Iowa and has been in the office very little of late. He left word with me that you desires his new text, "Better Basketball", published by the McGraw-Hill Company of New York.

Dr. Allen retains only a few copies here for autograph purposes, and leaves the sale of his text to the publisher and the various sporting goods houses.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to send me the wording of the autograph that you would desire in the book. I know Dr. Allen would be very happy to do this for you and it is for that purpose I am writing you. He said something about the text being sent c.c.d. Personally, I think it would be much cheaper if you will kindly mail a check for \$4.00 because you will save the remittance charges and the extra postage.

As soon as I hear from you I will be very happy to follow your desires.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen.