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Mr. Herbert Linden,
DeSoto, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Linden:

I feel that I should write you regarding Charles' progress here at the University. We are terribly disappointed in him, not only in an academic way, but in other ways which I will explain to you. I have had a conference with Charles, and I feel he understands the situation pretty well, but I also wanted you to know about it.

I first met Charles and Jack Connor last spring when I spoke at the DeSoto High School Commencement, just after they had returned from a visit to Baker University. I learned then that they were interested in coming to K. U. The coaches and teachers here were particularly interested in Jack because they thought he would go a long way and they wanted to see him here at the University. Charles wanted to come and have the same opportunities, if possible, that Jack would have.

During the summer Jack got work with John Parker, and we put Charles to work here on the campus. We gave Charles far more opportunity to work and save his money for school than we give most boys.

Then I personally went to Mrs. Al Green and made arrangements for the two boys to stay in her home to work in exchange for their room. Mrs. Green has always had very superior boys, and I cautioned Jack and Charles to be especially careful about their work because this is a very lovely home. Recently I have had a serious complaint from Mrs. Green. The boys have neglected their duties to the extent that Mrs. Green is positively dissatisfied with them.

When basketball practice started I gave Charles one of the choice jobs of handling the balls, hoping this would develop his qualities of leadership and service, and learning how to handle people. Charles failed so miserably in this job that I had to take him off and use another boy.

At mid-semester it is our practice to check up on the grades of all the boys who are out for basketball, and I find that Charles is failing in 5 hours of physiology, and is receiving a D in 2 hours of rhetoric. We have a regulation that all the boys who participate in any of the games must have an average of C in their class work. This, of course, makes it impossible for Charles to play in the Varsity-Freshman game tonight.