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O. Myking Mehus, Chief
Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Division
Veterans Administration
Board of Trade Building
1009 Wyandotte
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Mehus:

I have known Glenn Alric Oatman for some eight or ten years. I gave him employment as a superintendent of our golf course here at the University during the time that he was going through college. Glenn is a fine young man with exceptional golf ability, having won the Kansas & Missouri Open Amateur Championship.

He was an excellent student. He had to work his way through college because he had no other funds. He graduated in the School of Business and in my opinion is a highly intellectual young man. He also coached the track and tennis team of the University after his graduation. It was part time, he not being on permanent tenure. Mr. Oatman is loyal to his superiors and cooperates well. He is thoroughly reliable and dependable and has no bad habits. He does not gamble nor use narcotics or alcohol. He has high intelligence and gets things done.

However, he does have at times a slight inferior complex. He is the type that could be easily self-abused. In other words, he feels that he has gotten the short end of the stick while he was serving and the other fellows were making money. If he would forget that angle he would be much better off. The war has not been responsible for this attitude altogether. He had it in a large part when going through the University and after he was finished. He sees other fellows in a far more lucrative business or he sometimes views the son of a wealthy parent and he makes comparisons, leaving himself in the unfortunate position of wondering why these things could not come to him.

I have been pretty rough on him concerning these viewpoints and I wonder sometimes if he does not think I am a little unsympathetic. I give you these things so that you may have the whole picture as I see it.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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