

Box 5423, Metropolitan Station,
Los Angeles, California,
December 16, 1944.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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Dear Dr. Allen:

About three months ago I was given some information by a certain resident of Boulder, Colorado, where for four years (1938-42) I taught in the University of Colorado. After being furnished this information, I wrote to two reliable persons at the University and received word from them that my informant had given me accurate statements. They concern assertions made by a certain woman in the Department of English at the University of Colorado.

First I should say that in March, 1942, this woman, according to a letter handed me by the Head of the Department of English, brought about my dismissal from that University by furnishing the charge that students tried to avoid being in my classes.

The information which I later received from Boulder, however, was that this woman asserted, late in 1943, that the real reason that I was let out was not that students avoided my classes but that I had been associated with immoralities while I was at the University of Kansas.

Naturally you will understand that I have a reason for asking you, particularly, whether you can tell me anything more about this. I do not mean that the rumor was said to have come from your Department. I believe that it might be better for me not to be more specific just now, however.

I think that I should know of any statements that may have made the woman in Colorado feel free to make such an assertion. I think that there is no question of her personal hostility toward me. Still, had she nothing to "work on", I imagine that she would have connected me with a fiction in Colorado itself.

I know that I can trust you not to let this letter fall into anyone else's hands, and I would rather you would not mention the matter to "any living soul", no matter how sympathetic or friendly to me you may know a person to be.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Moose