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IN REPLY REFER TO _____

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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My dear Phog:

I've been intending to drop you a line ever since receiving the nice letter from you around the first of the year. I don't have a secretary to whom I can dictate private correspondence, although there are three or four girls in my charge, along with a number of officers, who attend to official business. So, it is a little hard to write letters. I do want to tell you what a swell job I think you are doing with your regular Jayhawker mimeographed newsletters about all your youngsters who are scattered to the 16 winds and of athletic doings on the Hill. Things of this sort serve to weld the distant, generally homesick hearts of the boys to K.U. and add to affectionate regard for you. I imagine you begin to get writer's cramp from the task of signing all those mailings, don't you? But it's not much trouble, after all, and a lot different from a printed thing.

Many of the lads whose names appear in the letters are strange to me, but it's interesting to read about them, - and of course, there are ever so many whom I remember well, especially for the period when I was fellow-sufferer and enjoyer with you on the Athletic Board. Seemingly, there has been plenty of work to attend to there at the University during the past couple of years, but I imagine that it is different in many ways from the normal. It will be fine when old-timers of whom you write can get back, only some of them won't ever.

My work has kept me very busy but I don't think the lot of a Washington warrior has much to recommend it, necessary tho it is. I can't complain on the score of vagueness or uncertainty as to the aim and effects of work assigned me, and most of it is interesting enough. A large part of the materials and documents issued from our branch of Fuels and Lubricants Division (which handles petroleum and coal matters for the entire Army), and stuff coming to us from Commanding General, A.S.F., Joint Chiefs of Staff, etc., are "secret" or "top secret" and involve plans in all Theaters. There is call on technical training and experience, - yes, geological, as well as general, - so that I feel that I am fairly directly doing something. Nevertheless, I'll be very glad when I can resume research and teaching work along lines for which I'm most suited and give this full effort.

I send you heartiest personal regards and say again that I think the work you are doing is not only a splendid contribution to the morale of an extremely important and widely disseminated seasoning, - the Jayhawks in Army and Navy - but it is carrying on for K.U. in ways that no one can do so well as you.

Sincerely,

Ray Moore