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Mr. Harold C. Miller,
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

I appreciate your very fine letter of January 25, and I assure you that I deeply realize the concern and welfare that a father has for his son. I want you to know that I am just as much interested in Ralph's success as I possibly can be. I have had great ambitions for Ralph and I am hoping that if there is anything I can do to help he will attain to that high pinnacle that he has full possibilities to realize.

Harold, I do not believe that the boys dislike Ralph nearly as much as it appears to you. There was a time when Ralph was disliked - not by this group so much, but during his sophomore year in football was the beginning of it. There is still some football carry-over, but I have smashed that relentlessly when its head appeared.

I agree with you that Ralph appears to be cocky at times, but I want to say this sincerely - that in my opinion Ralph is not the selfish individual that people think him to be. Ralph is highly intelligent. He thinks and acts on a split second, and he is a competitor par excellence. Harold, there are just two things that keep Ralph from being the idol of this University and the state of Kansas. One of them is his own business; the other one should be the team's business. He has always had a girl and he has put the girl first, before everything. You will understand I am not criticizing Ralph or Jean. I think she is a sweet, lovely girl, but you know Ralph has always been afflicted with this close companionship with girls. You remember Betty Jean at Chanute. It seems that he cannot do without women. This does interfere with his training quite a bit, although neither of them would of course admit it at all.

Then, Ralph has smoked, and if he is not doing it now it is the first time in his intercollegiate career that he has quit it. This certainly interferes with his success.

I have never seen a man that will take as much punishment and endure it as Ralph will. In the football season I marveled at his ability to absorb the beatings that he got. He is just now getting over it, but had he been in tip-top