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SWEET HOTELS, INC.
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Dear Dr. Allen,

I just received your letter this morning and got exactly what was coming to me. I believe had you said a person rather than people it would have been a much truer statement as far as I am concerned. I do not doubt that many people may have told you plenty because I know how those things go. However, I have only once in Topeka said anything that may have been bad or out of line for you, K.U. or anyone concerned. The minute that was over I have deeply regretted my actions and have regretted them more as the summer passed on.

As you may or may not know last year's basketball was a great and bitter disappointment to me, probably more so than to anyone else. Naturally I suppose the best way out was to find fault with everyone else but yourself, which is exactly what I did in many incidents. Since that time much water has passed under the bridge and I have realized what a complete ass I had been, and Dr. no one knows it better than I do. The one time was all I have said that might be taken wrong. Whatever anyone else has claimed that I have said is all wrong. That was the only time. The two boys I spoke with are K.U. grads of a few years back. If they broadcasted anything I deserve all of the credit. Other than those two I have said nothing as once is enough for me.

I have made the statement several times that we may be a big disappointment to people next year because they are all expecting so much from us. I believe you will bear me out in that statement. True we will have a great ball club especially on the offense. However, you know how much Don, Dick, and Bruce meant to our defense. If we can overcome those weak points we should undoubtedly be better. That is the one statement I have made more than once.

There is also another item you have evidently been misinformed about and that is my training habits. I have been training very well as a whole all along. I admit that I have been smoking some but certainly not to excess. Aside from that my training habits have been on a par with anyone's. I have not been smoking during seasons or anything like that. I have no smoking habit and can get along without it as easily as not. To me it is just something to do at times and that's that. I certainly do not enjoy it at all times, in fact more often than not it is repulsive to me. Now, Dr. you know my bad training habits and I don't believe you would call my problem a serious one.

Dr. you sent me a straight letter with facts and nothing else and I'm glad you did. This one to you is exactly the same way. It's straight, truthful and fact. I have taken yours as so and everything else you've ever said to me. Now, I expect you to do the same when you receive this letter.