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Dr. Allen P.

Mr. Gwynn Henry, Director of Athletics
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Lawrence, Kansas

In re: Ralph Miller.

Dear Mr. Henry:

I wanted to tell you that I saw Ralph Miller at the clinic at Lawrence, Kansas on August 30th, 1940, and on the whole I am fairly well pleased with his knee.

He has some relaxation of the joint but not more than one expects after removal of the internal and external semilunar cartilage. He is apparently symptom free, in that he makes no complaint of this right knee.

He said that he had been doing considerable walking, and that he had played a little soft ball but had some one run the bases for him and had done no work of any sort that put any stress on the joint.

As I wrote you on June 21st, 1940, I found at the time of the last operation, May 16th, 1940, that the articular cartilage of the external condyle had worn away somewhat, and I realized then that it would require time for this cartilage to be regenerated.

I am of the opinion now that it would be best for Mr. Miller not to attempt to engage in any competitive athletics this coming year. I fear that if he started out the likelihood of this knee giving him trouble again would be so great that he probably would have to give up athletics. On the other hand if he will stay out for a year and not attempt to get this knee into training condition I believe that the cartilage will repair and the joint heal to the point that he will have no farther trouble with the knee, and that he could then go back into competitive athletics in a big way.

I am a little afraid that he will try to get back into shape, even though he doesn't get into athletics this year, and I fear if he makes such an attempt he is likely to damage his knee, and that if he is going to stay out of athletics then he should stay out completely and take no chances with this knee, because I do feel that he could injure it rather easily and that if he does injure it again there would be no way that I know of to repair it. My recommendations are then: that he keep out of athletics wholly and completely for this next year; that he refrain from all sorts of athletic sports; that if he is not willing to refrain completely then I think he just as well go into competition.

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C. C. Ralph Miller

Yours most truly,

C. B. Francisco, M.D.