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Mr. George Hottles,
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Dear George:

I am enclosing copy of a clipping taken from the Topeka Daily Capital, of August 28, 1938. I just want to say some things to you so that after you have read the article you can see why some of the statements are at variance with the information that has come to me.

Regarding Burn saying that he was criticized last fall in the Ralph Miller case, I just want you to know that Harold Miller, Ralph's father, told me that John Burn personally paid Ralph's tuition. I was in the office of the Sanchine Gentle Company at Chanute, Kansas, talking to Bill Gray and Harold Miller about Ralph coming to K. U., and I told them that we had to pay June's application tuition in May or else the application would not be considered, and Harold Miller told me then that John Burn paid Ralph's personally.

So you can see that they "never go after a boy unless he makes application to enter school". Now I know three different Stanford alumni came down from Topeka and Wichita to see that he put in his application. Doubtless they wrote that for him.

Then when Bill Butts from Wichita came down to see him Bill said, "Why are you going to Kansas?" Miller said, "Because I like it." "Well," Butts said, "if you could get all your expenses paid and still make some money on the side you would go to Stanford, wouldn't you?" And Ralph said, "I don't know." And then he said, "You would be interested, wouldn't you?" And Ralph said, "I might".

And then it was Butts who arranged to pay for the airplane trip to California. Now here is the joke - if Burn furnished the money for the trip, then when Ralph rode back with John Burn in Burn's own car -- Burn came in for this basketball picture that was to be shot with Koegen of Notre Dame, McMillan of Minnesota, Bee of Long Island, Carlson of Pittsburgh, and Allen of Kansas -- and when Miller told Burn at Chanute in my presence that he was going to stay here, why did John Burn write Harold Miller and insist on a refund from Ralph on the return trip ticket that he would have used had he not come back with Burn?