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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

In this morning's New York Times appears the schedule for the coming season down in Madison Square Garden and I note with pleasure that you are booked to play here December 28. That is a fine break for me for the very good reason that my son Kevin will be on vacation and it will be an excellent opportunity for the both of us to get down and take in the game.

This is something I have looked ahead to for a great many years. I think you know that. It was just about one month ago that I was out in St. Louis and had three or four days to myself. It was quite a temptation to go out thereto Lawrence and I think I would were it for the fact that something came up at the last moment which, although not of paramount importance, was nevertheless of such a nature that I thought it better to remain. In this instance, we will of a dead certainty be on hand and I hope that I will be able to locate you just for the purpose of saying a hello.

Kevin is now 16, and will be 17 next March. He is 6 ft. 1 in. in height, and weighs 158 pounds. He is not much at baseball but he is one of the best prospects I have ever seen in basketball. He has a beautiful shot, and while he is a trifle slow on his feet, he is fast enough. When I told him today that I would take him down, he was all excited and I hope very much indeed that we will have a chance to get in to see you, personally, since I want Kevin to meet you.

Perhaps it is a father's pride in a son, but I think he is pretty good. We have already, and he is only in his senior year, been offered a scholarship but we are in no hurry to take it since he is not only proficient in basketball but, what is more to the point, he is well up in his studies. In his last solid geometry examination, he received a mark of 100. He very rarely falls below 85 and, consequently, neither of us are worrying as to just what he will do next year but, nevertheless and notwithstanding, I hope very much that you can arrange to at least say hello to him. That would please him greatly and would be a big event in his life. You see, when we grow older we do not give ourselves credit which is rightfully ours but these young fellows, kids of high school age, look up to you fellows and when the opportunity presents itself, they will go to any extreme to see one of these big fellows, meet them. etc. I think that I can say these things to you without, at the same time, leading you to believe that I am resorting to anything but a sincere statement of facts.