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Dear Dr. Brown:

Your very welcome letter was received this morning and I assure you that we were happy to hear from you.

Concerning our trip to New York, we plan to play Fordham in Madison Square Garden on the 28th, Temple at Philadelphia on the 30th, and Loyola in Chicago on January 2. I am enclosing a couple of our basketball schedules for your handy convenience in reference to date.

We have not determined exactly when we will leave Lawrence. For that reason I am not certain whether I could accept your very kind invitation to speak to the Kiwanis Club of Hempstead. I am afraid, however, that it will not be possible for us to arrive in New York before the 27th at the earliest.

I do want to congratulate you first upon your presidency of Kiwanis, and I want to thank you for your kind invitation extended to me. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to sit in a group administered by you and further to have a long fat chewing episode after the meeting when we could be alone. I enjoyed very much all the contacts that I ever had with you and I cherish the opportunity of renewing our old acquaintances.

We are staying in the Hotel Piccadilly in New York and the Hotel Philadelphia in Philadelphia. Last year we stayed at the Allerton in Chicago and doubtless we will stay at the same place this year. As soon as I definitely arrange my itinerary I will write you. We are planning to work out on the way, although I have not made final arrangements regarding the trip.

I am grieved to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Brown. It seems as if life cannot be full of the joys that should come to a law-abiding, earnest family man, but as hard as we try and as skilled as we might be, the very things that we hope to prevent fall heavily upon us. I trust that this serious illness will pass away and that you may have the durable comforts and pleasures of home.