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Mr. C. E. McBride,
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Dear Mac:

I promised you a long time ago that I was going to write you a letter because certain things have troubled me quite a bit. I never could understand when you asked me certain things about the Stanford proposition. I thought it was Harold Kuhn, but after my meeting with John Bunn at Chautauke many things were clarified. And now I can understand why you asked certain questions, whether I had been offered the job at Stanford or not.

I have no malice and am not the least bit irked, but I want to tell you some things which may or may not surprise you. I was amazed to hear John Bunn say to me the things he did. Not that they hurt me, but they amazed me. It was John's honest opinion that I had never been offered the job, but when I told him certain things about Pop Warner wanting me to come to Stanford, then his eyes opened.

It is not with any idea of lambasting John, or trying to disabuse him of anything he erroneously thought, but I want you to know the truth of the matter, and after I have written you this then you can tear it up, because it is only my desire for you to know the truth that I am writing.

When Pop Warner and I were working together in our coaching schools, Pop asked me if I would be interested in coming to Stanford. I told him that I didn't believe I would like it because the Pacific Coast is too far away from everything. Pop had an ailing hip along in 1927-28-29. He was very lame, and at our coaching schools he would have me work on him and relieve his suffering. He called it rheumatism, but I found a sprained sacro-iliac articulation - that joint between the flat of the spine and the hip. After Pop and I had been together at Utah State, at Wittenberg College, at Superior, Wisconsin, and several other places, Pop seemed rather anxious in my going to Stanford. Then a professor out there wrote me asking if I would consider the position at Stanford as basketball coach, stating that the salary would not be a consideration. I do not even remember the professor's name, but it occurs to me that his name was something like Runquist or Lunquist.