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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear "Phog":

I have a young son, Cleveland, who is 11 year's old. He is very much interested in basketball. In our yard we have an official basketball layout. He knows of our mutual friendship and has learned of you and your basketball leadership. Although but 11 he takes clothes for a 15 year old boy. I believe he will develop into a basketball player, because he likes the game and has the physical promise. I would like to buy from the University a discarded basketball and ask that you write your name on it. I want to pay for it, but I want one--- one that has been used in at least some play. If you can arrange to send it to Cleveland McCarty, 730 York street, Denver, and just a note from you with it I will greatly appreciate it. Send statement to me at 1700 E. Colfax, Denver and I will forward check immediately.

I am with you 100% on the crusade against gambling in Madison Square Garden. My friend Jack Carberry feels as you do about it also. He has certainly paid you some very high compliments.

Can't you arrange to come out for a day or so during the A A U basketball tournament. If you can come please let me know. I would like to have a luncheon for you at the Athletic Club and invite Jack and Red Nelson, of the News, together with Mayor Stapleton and a few leading K.U. men. It would be a fine thing for the University. And incidentally bring your golf clubs. It's swell at the Denver Country Club now.

Sincerely yours,

