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Dear Doc —

Just finished reading the Rebounds again, don't know how many times that is, but ^{don't} set each time — like to get off by myself & just devour the contents — my nostalgia really runs wild. It's quite a let down when I finally come to my senses & see all this water instead of dear old Kansas.

I was certainly glad to hear the news about Charlie Black, but not surprised. Charlie just seems to have the red knack of doing anything he puts his mind on — I wonder if it's as big a thrill to see him fly that P-38 as it used to be to see him hang the boys on the rafters when he went in for a shot? If you see him any time soon, please offer my congratulations for his accomplishments on the War front of the Home Front! (especially the Home Front — especially his pretty anxious to see that daughter.)

Sincerely hope the report on "Rope" Engleman was greatly exaggerated — I guess the War spurs no one, but it's certainly hard to accept when it hits someone like Howard. If you hear anything more be sure & include it in the Rebounds — I've admired him awfully lot, from the time I used to see him play in the Ark Valley up through his marvelous career at KU — they just don't come any better.

We really have quite a time on board here — have an officer from Southern Cal & one from UC — we have some pretty hot arguments, but I can usually quiet them down when ^{we} get around to basketball.