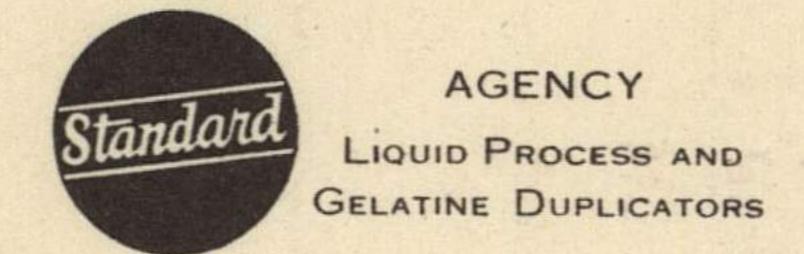
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Mr. Forrest C. Allen Director of Physical Education University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I have your letter of January 6. I want to drop you a note this morning before the memory of last nights game is too far removed from my memory. As I watched you out there on the bench, fellow, the thought occurred to me - when will that boy ever relax? I looked over on the other bench at George Edwards, sitting there as complacent as a summer breeze. Then I looked back over there at you chewing your gum for all you were worth, taking a swig of water about every three seconds. That is the reason you win, Doc, you have your whole heart and soul in that ball game from the time the first whistle blows until the final score is posted.

That intense interest is reflected too in the ball club which you have this year. I believe it is the finest basketball aggregation that you have ever coached. For 10 minutes last night they looked like just an ordinary bunch of boys. Then something happned, there was an explosion that could be heard all around that auditorium, from then on, except for brief moments, they were champions everyone.

You have built in Kansas, Doc, a remarkable tradition, from your shirtless golfing to your superb coaching, Kansas has gained much. You don't look a day older than you did 10 years ago and your enthusiasm seems to increase with time. There must be something about that old tradition - "Aqe in the woods."

Sincerely your friend

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