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Dear Elizabeth:

I imagine that our letters crossed in the mail. I owe you my abject apology in not doing this sooner, but it seems as if it was physically impossible for me to get the job done. If this is not what you want please let me know and I will do anything in my power to help you. Of course, the Registrar could only certify as to grades and the other statement could only be a statement, but I am hoping that the letter that I wrote will be of some benefit.

Yes, I too was disappointed in Catherine. I will not write longer regarding her, but will tell you when I have a chance to see you in New York.

Mrs. Allen, Jane and Eleanor are talking about making the trip with the team. The game is with Fordham on December 28 but we expect to arrive in New York on the 26th and see an earlier game there to see how they do it. We will stay at the Piccadilly Hotel. I will let you know a little later just when we plan to leave Lawrence and when we will arrive in New York.

Doubtless we will not be able to run out to see you but we will be very happy to have you and Leigh as our guests at the game, and of course, we want you to eat with us after the game. I am wondering where Howard is. If he is at home he is also invited. I will arrange with Ned Irish so we will have the tickets ready for you.

Referring back to Catherine, doubtless she told you that she left December 1. I told her that it would be much easier to replace her December 1 than it would in the middle of the year, and she is not with us any longer. Jerry Ulm is substituting and doing a good job, but Ruth is definitely lining up someone else for the second semester. She is working with Oberlin College, Smith and Columbia and thinks she has some very good leads.

Now regarding Ruth Pyle. I called her and told her to take a trip home and to make some decision when she returned. I was really worried about her heart so I asked Dr. Don Carlos Peete to speak to her physician about it. Her physician stated to Dr. Peete that her heart is not the result of anything she did here at the University but it was something that came on her as a child from rheumatic fever. He also told Dr. Peete that he had advised her to take this job; that it would be good for her. But Ruth wrote me saying that she turned the job down because she thought it best for her not to accept it. So we have dismissed that from our mind and glad she made the decision because if anything had happened I would have always felt guilty. I will also tell you about that when I see you.