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Mr. Alston McCarthy
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Dear Alston:

I know that you have plenty to do without being asked an additional chore. However, I am saying something to you that I want you to keep in strict confidence.

I am desirous of helping a very worthy person and her family and if you can help or can get some of your good friends in Denver to help, I will deeply appreciate it. Ernst "Dutch" Uhrlaub, one of the Uhrlaub twins who played basketball here and was my captain in 1921, and who also played a fine game of Varsity Baseball as well as being an expert in golf, has been divorced by his wife, Vernadine Uhrlaub. There are two children in the family and Dutch has not seen fit to support them, although there is a court order to that effect.

May I give you a little background of Dutch's marital dislocation. Dutch taught at Salina, Kansas after having made a fine success in Arkansas City. He was fine with the boys and a good coach. He married his wife, who was one of the students in the Salina High School, after her graduation. She previously had been in his classes. They had two lovely children and apparently everybody was happy, but the same old triangle worked to the detriment of the family.

She was a school teacher in the Salina School System, that Dutch became enamored with, and that broke up the home. Of course, he lost his job as did the other teacher. I did not know all the background at the time, but I knew that he had lost the job and I heard pretty definitely that it was his fault. Not being able to procure a job, I suggested to Dutch that he come to the University and work out his Master's Degree, which he did. My only motive was in helping him and the family.

My notion was that if he should get a Master's Degree it would again make him more valuable and perhaps get him a job at a better salary, and in that way a part of his salary would go toward the support of the children. So he came to the University a year ago and I engaged him as my Freshman Basketball Coach and my Assistant Varsity Coach, knowing that he knew basketball and feeling we might lift him up and put him in a better environment, both mentally and physically, than he had been exposed to the last year so previously to this.