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Dear Mac:

I have written Bill Gray and am sending you a carbon copy which is herewith enclosed. The facts have been definitely and straightforwardly set forth in my letter and I challenge Mr. Gray to prove otherwise.

Bill Gray asked me down to his home for dinner. There were about eight or ten men from Chanute whom I knew - Fred Harris, son of Senator Harris, who is on one of the papers, and a group that I learned were Phi Psi's. Bill Gray is a Beta. The Beta's have refused his son for initiation in the Beta Chapter. This made Bill quite angry and the Phi Psi's pledged him. The second son was coming up to the University at the same time that Ralph Miller was due to attend college. Bill took the active part in pledging and rushing Ralph Miller and his younger son, William Gray, in the Phi Psi Fraternity.

I am told, and I do not have it on any direct authority, that a group of Phi Psi's raised enough money to pay Ralph Miller \$50.00 a month if he would attend the University. I do not know that this subsidy of theirs carried any restriction as to what fraternity he was to join, but he pledged Phi Psi and I am told that only Phi Psi's contributed to this fund.

I did not talk to anyone, I did not talk to an intermediary, and ~~no~~ one gave me any information regarding what Ralph Miller was to get if he was to get anything. Bill Gray was the prime mover and I did not discuss with him or anyone else any subsidy or any job that he should have. If Bill states otherwise, he is a prevaricator of the deepest dye.

Now let him come on and have his say. I have never offered a subsidy, nor will I, nor have I had anyone else to offer a subsidy.

Very cordially yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach

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