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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Your personal reply to my letter arrived today and I assure you that it gave me a great deal of pleasure. I have proudly displayed your signature to all my fellow officers and have casually (but loudly) dropped the remark, "Received a letter from 'Phog' Allen today...." Thanks again! Your name has always been news to me, and although I have never seen a Jayhawker team in action I know that you are the foremost basketball authority in the nation.

To come to the point, basketball has been my primary concern since grammar school days. I have followed the game very closely both as participant and coach and it is my wish to continue in the field of Physical Education with a basketball mentorship as the ultimate goal.

There are many colleges throughout the country which offer the type of training I desire, but there is only one Phog Allen. Therefore, if I were certain that I would receive personal supervision from "the Dean of them all", I would not hesitate to enroll at K.U.

I hold a Ph. B. degree, College of Journalism, Marquette University, 1940 and played three years of varsity basketball under your friend Bill Chandler. I believe that I could complete the needed requirements in a short period of time.

I anxiously await your reply and any professional advice that you may care to volunteer. I assure you that you would find me an apt and enraptured student.

Very cordially yours,

Joel F. Nagle
Joel F. Nagle,
Captain, Air Corps.