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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doc:

I was very glad to hear from you again after so long a time and to know that you were interested in the two boys from here, Claire Gillin and Kenneth Coulter.

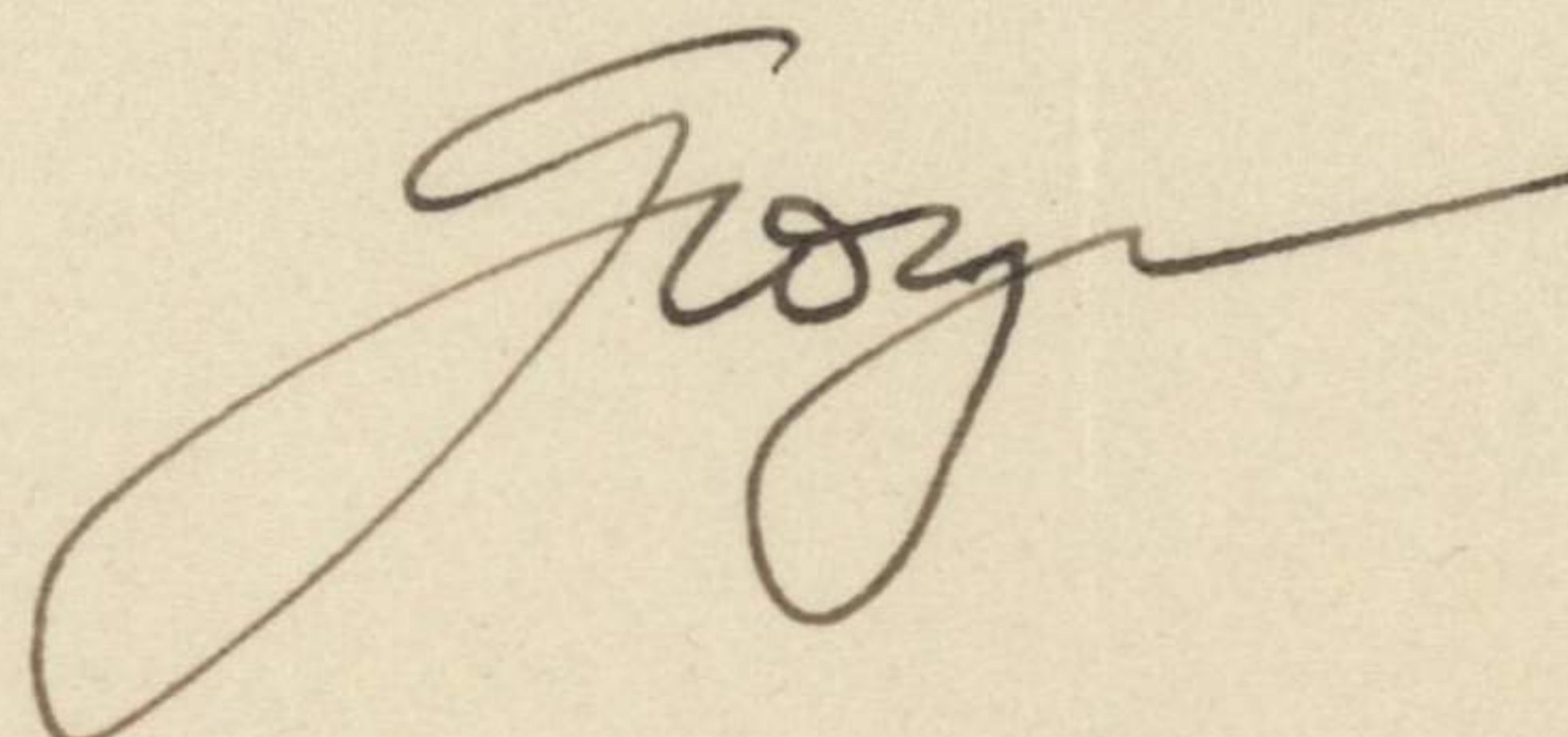
I am not sure about Coulter on what his plans may be for college, but I know that Gillin wants to go to the medic school and is very much interested in the University of Kansas. Incidentally, he is at the present moment the boy friend of Mimi and so I happen to know a good deal of his plans and aspirations.

I haven't seen much of the Coulter boy for the past several years, but as a youngster ten or eleven years old I thought most highly of him. At that age I thought he had the makings of about the best football player I had ever seen but somehow he got side-tracked from football and has devoted all of his athletic energies to basketball. I know he is a battler and a competitor of the first water. Gillin, I think, is quite lazy with not so much fire but possesses a lot of natural ability. I shall make it a point to see Coulter before long and, of course, I will see Gillin all during the vacation.

I observe that you are having some difficulties with your basketball team. I hope they won't become serious. From your remarks I take it that some of the boys are trying to tell you how to run the ball team. This, I am afraid they will have trouble doing.

Lots of good luck and a Happy Victorious New Year.

Sincerely yours,



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