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Mr. George Nettels,  
Pittsburg-Midway Coal Mining Co.,  
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter of the 25th instant. I know how you feel, as explained in your letter, and I am sorry that Ralph could not have been himself. George, this boy has been sick for quite some time. I have never thought that he was as well and strong as he should be. At the present time he is in Watkins Memorial Hospital with lobar pneumonia - not a bad case but he is a sick boy, in my opinion.

I thought he did wonderfully well this basketball season, and I am willing to give him every break that I can.

Of course, you know I was not overjoyed with our losing to Frosty, but there still could be a lot of worse things than that. We perhaps will meet him again some day and I will await the time with pleasure.

I do hope to see you at the Kansas Relays, and I assure you that your explanation was entirely satisfactory because you had to leave for St. Louis. And you know when you and I get together it takes more than an hour to get the job done.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.