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Dear Don:

I was glad that you mentioned John Asher to me. It was hazy at first, and then I recalled that there had been quite a bit of difficulty that John had gotten into regarding his academic class work. I am sending you copy of a letter that Dr. Canuteson wrote to Dr. Gilbert Ulmer, and copies of my letters to Dean Lawson and Dr. Ulmer. You can see by this that he was in much more difficulty with the academic people than he was even with us.

Perhaps if he had had a good record otherwise we would have been able to save him, but the boy just wouldn't go to class, I am told.

This thing I wish to pass on to you, Don. If at any time any of your friends' children are in any difficulty I would not consider at all that you were presuming upon friendship to mention this to me. Had I known that John Asher was the son of Dr. Asher I would have shown him additional courtesies, but of course I could not have helped him in this case because he had gone too far. However, it would be a pleasure to me if any of your friends should be in need of help and if I could reasonably give it. It would make me happy to do anything I could to befriend one of your friends, just as I know that you would do something to help one of my friends, but I would not expect you to do something that was impossible to do.

Won't you feel perfectly free to call upon me when one of your friends is in trouble?

It was a delight to visit with you and your good family. I am sorry that Don could not come down but your family is growing up so rapidly that if we do not see them from time to time we lose all conception of what they were like when we saw them way back when.

I assure you that I enjoyed the visit immensely with you and your family and it is not because we are unsociable, but we just haven't driven anywhere it seems since the fuss has been on. But we are coming to see you when we have promised - as soon as school is out. But don't let that keep you from visiting us at Lawrence. You are always welcome and it is a great pleasure indeed to have you and