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Coach F.C. Allen,  
The University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas,

My dear Coach:

The name of the writer of this letter will mean nothing whatsoever to you, but it has been my pleasure to watch Kansas basketball teams play for a number of years. It is my thought that their coaching and material exceed that of any other schools in this area.

I am writing to tell you of a young chap of this city, which I believe to be the best high school player that I have ever seen, and that I consider to be a wonderful college basketball prospect. It is also my thought that possibly you are continually on the outlook for boys of this character--hence this letter.

This boys name is Ralph Bowen, he attends Greenwood High School of this city. The boy is a "natural". He is six foot, two inches tall, and in my opinion has the ideal basketball build. He is slender, his coordination perfect, and I think he has the finest eye for the basket I have ever seen. The young chap is modest, and his high school coach a good one. He is not taught the type of basketball that involves his shooting a great deal. That is to say the style of play which is used to, is team play. For this reason his individual totals are not astounding. However I will say that he is the leading scorer in this city for the year, and his average number of points per game, will be in excess of a sixteen point average. I am enclosing two or three clippings, so that you can see that what I say is substantially correct.

The reason that I feel that this boy is a wonderful prospect is because of his perfect coordination, beautiful ball handling, and I think an exceptional eye for the basket. When on the floor he seems to just more or less glide around.

This boy as I have said is extremely modest, he will not come to anyone with the story of his basketball. His family is one of very modest means, and I fear that unless he is able to obtain some help from an outside source that he will end up attending college in this city.

I felt that possibly there might be some means whereby this