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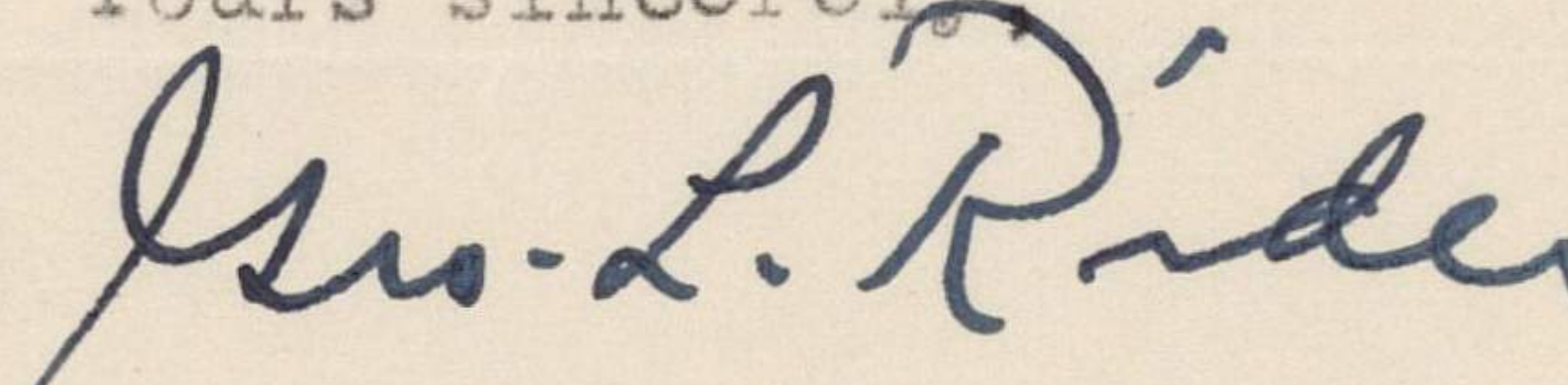
Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been carefully surveying the field since receiving your letter sometime ago recommending Ray Parkins for our job here at Miami. I find that he now ranks very highly among our candidates and I am having him come for an interview this weekend. I have been unable to find out anything other than complimentary about this man, and since everything is so complimentary, I am wondering if you know any reason why he has remained in high school work so long. In other words, is there some weakness in this man that accounts for the fact that he has not accepted a college or university job sooner. You know it's always easy to get people to tell good things about another, but we find it rather difficult under these conditions to find out any of the bad things about a fellow. I will appreciate it greatly, therefore, if you know any handicaps or weaknesses that this man has and if you will tell me about them.

I appreciate very much your very fine letter and all the trouble you went to to write me about these boys, and I hate to bother you further, but I do want to be sure of our ground in this matter and if you can give me any added information about Parkins I will surely appreciate it.

Thanking you for your fine cooperation and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,



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