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Mr. Fred Pralle,  
Phillips Petroleum Co.,  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Freddie:

I am very happy to have your good letter of the 23rd ultimo, in which you enclose a copy of the letter that you sent to Mr. M. F. Ahearn, of Kansas State, applying for the position as basketball coach.

Fred, you can count on my helping you in every way that I possibly can. Doubtless you saw where Graham, the old football and basketball star who is now coaching at Indiana, is applying for the job at Kansas State. Also Frank Groves is applying. I imagine that they will get a fellow who can coach basketball and help with football.

You see, the colleges now are turning out physical education majors who specialize in that department, and the woods are full of coaches looking for jobs. I do not know how the Aggies will feel about appointing a Kansas graduate, but if there is anything that I can do for you, you can bet your life that I will go one hundred per cent strong for you.

Fred, please do not put the information out around Phillips that you are applying for a job at Kansas State. Doubtless some of the people would think that you were not interested in your work as much as you should be if you want to change jobs. However, I know how interested you are in athletics, but you will remember, Fred, that I talked with you a number of times and told you that the athletic game was not only a pretty precarious one, but when a fellow gets older in life he is gambling pretty much on a coaching job. If you were a physical education major and were qualified so that you could go into the physical education department when the coaching job gets tough, that is so much the better. I am just concerned that the Phillips people will not feel that you want to get away from them.

Now, for the job, boy, if you can get it tell me how I can help you.

Our love to you and Mrs. Pralle. We are always happy to hear from you.

Sincerely, your friend,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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