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Mr. J. Percy Page, Coach,
Commercial Graduates Basketball Club,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Mr. Page:

Your very good letter of June 6th arrived at my desk during my temporary absence from town, and at the time of our graduation at the University of Kansas as well as our enrollment for the Summer Session. When I got back to my desk I glanced at your letter and read the first page, but did not have time to finish the letter, and in my haste made off again and failed to read your kindly request that I drop you a line before the date that you wished - June 15, so that you might have it for your annual meeting.

I regret this more than you know, as it would have been a great pleasure to have written you and expressed the fine sentiment that I feel toward your teaching and your coaching. You have made an exceptional success and there is no one in the world that has made as fine a record as you have. I would have been happy to have attested to this exceptional performance.

I want to again congratulate you and the wonderful girls that you have trained into such splendid leaders. Words are inadequate for my to carry on in this vein, so I will again say, "Congratulations, World's Champions!"

For one year we failed to win the championship. Our game with Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, decided whether we should win or lose, and we lost. But frankly, I believe it was a good thing because we have gotten to rather an impasse in our basketball. I find that many of the coaches who personally are very good friends are not so enthusiastic about our winning the championship too often. We are in a conference, and I find that the wives and relatives of these coaches are not too enthusiastic about my interfering with the other fellow's bread and butter, and you know if you do not win somebody is apt to find some fault.

This is no alibi, but I want you to know that our star player, Ralph Miller, who was supposed to be the greatest basketball player developed in the state for some time, sustained a very serious knee injury in football, and he never recovered in time to be used as our key man in basketball. He is going to play football next fall