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REFER TO NO.

Called Ball
Mr. Ball
31 May, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Doc:

Checking up on the case of Mr. Ball I find that his application will probably be forwarded to Washington for final action within the next day or so. One more letter of reference, which is believed to be on the way, is all that is holding it up. While it is, of course, impossible to state with any certainty what action will be taken in Washington our previous experience has shown that well over 50 per cent of the applications submitted by us are favorably acted upon. Mr. Ball will probably receive an official notification from this office within a few days informing him that his application has been forwarded, but I would appreciate it if you would pass the above information on to him personally, since he did ask you to communicate with me.

Thank you very much for your kind words on the telephone about the handball and also for the thoughtful letter you wrote after I had won the Missouri Valley. I have derived immeasurable satisfaction, pleasure, exercise and a certain amount of self-discipline out of the game, and I never forget that it was you who got me started playing it. At the tournament in Chicago I was pleased to have several people tell me that they thought I was the most courageous player there. If that was the case, a great deal of it can be attributed to what you taught me on the basketball court.

Sincerely,

TML
Theodore M. O'Leary
Lieut. USNR.