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Dear Doc:

I thought you would be interested in knowing that I have just finished personally going over the list of William Jewell Flight Preparatory school graduates and that the fifteen best football players are scheduled to arrive in Lawrence for classes beginning September 30. They will all be there for at least eight weeks. Henry Shenk has a list containing the names of thirteen of the men. I was able to add two more. One, Alexander F. Banks is described by his commanding officer as a "wonderful football player." He also stood second in his class scholastically. I don't know what his previous experience has been. The fifteenth man will be Howard C. Borschel, jr., also said to be very good. An interesting angle is that all fifteen boys, with one or two exceptions, are among the leaders in their class. Only thirty men are being sent to Lawrence in this class so I think we did quite well to get fifteen football players out of the group.

Will you please pass this information on to Henry. I told him I would let him know as soon as anything definite developed. Although absolutely nothing contrary to Naval regulations was done to get these boys sent to Lawrence it might be just as well if the impression were given that they just happened to get there. Just keep my role in the affair as quiet as possible. But I know you would have done that anyway. Iowa State, Washburn and Central college of Pella, Iowa all have football teams this year and would have liked to have had some of these boys so you can see I might get in wrong if it ~~was~~^{became} known that there was anything planned about so many good football men "happening" to land at Lawrence.

I hope to get up sometime soon, and also hope to see some of the games this fall. I'll look you up.

Sincerely, Ted