

March 20, 1941

Mr. R. T. O'Neil
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Phillips Petroleum Company
Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Dick:

Your good letter of February 14 has been received. I want to thank you for writing and assuring me that in the near future--perhaps within the next two months--you will be able to make some payment on the loan.

Dick, I appreciate this very much because this was my own personal money that I loaned you and I did it with the confidence that you would pay it back, knowing that the money went to you for your tuition which enabled you to stay in school.

I can appreciate the high cost of living and doctor bills that naturally are incurred when a man has a family. This is especially true when you say that you made three moves in the last three years. You know I can appreciate the fact that when a man has a family he incurs obligations because we have had six children of our own and we now have four grandchildren, so it is not difficult for me to realize the facts set forth in your letter.

Thank you for your good wishes regarding our basketball season. I am glad that the game has not only been a source of pleasure to you but a source of revenue. It is always a pleasure to me to see some of my boys succeed. I take a great interest in them and it is a pleasure for me to read of their success.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting two F.B.I. men inquiring into your fitness and capabilities. I gave them an A No. 1 recommendation; told them that you were an intelligent fighter, that you never gave up and once when you set in quest of anything you kept doggedly after it until you acquired it. I trust that these words of mine will be part of a contribution that will give you what you desire.

My best wishes for your continued success and ultimate happiness. I trust you and your family are well.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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