

# PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

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Hobbs, New Mexico  
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Dr. F. C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me <sup>after</sup> ~~have~~ so many years of silence. I wanted to let you know that I have not forgotten the \$45.00 I owe you and that I think that I can send it to you before very long---perhaps within the next two months. I know you wonder why I have been unable to repay it before this but I can assure you that it has not been possible for me to do so. I have had a steady job but it doesn't pay enough for a person to get very much ahead. Living expenses are very high out here and coupled with a few Doctor bills for my wife and three moves in the last 3 years has made it hard for me to save enough to pay even such a small debt.

I have followed your continued success each year and I have been very proud of having had the opportunity to learn the game of basketball under you. I guess I wasn't much of a student in action but I did learn the game. Using your system I have coached and played on the best independent teams in three different areas in three different years. I have taken squads of Texas and New Mexico college graduates, taught them your system and made believers out of the players, opponents and fans in the West Texas area. I wish you continued success and will ~~put~~ be pulling for you in all your remaining games. Once in awhile I get to hear them on the radio although it is hard to pick up stations in that locality out here.

I have been trying to come back to school to do some more studying and perhaps I can make it next year.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. O'Neil

