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Mr. James E. Briley 2012 East 13th Place Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Briley:

Thank you for your kind letter congratulating us on our basketball effort this season.

Yes, the fact that Jim played only a short time would count one year of eligibility. Even one game would count the same as four or twenty. This is our conference rule. However, they are giving the boys four years of competition and Jim would still have three years left, which is the normal allowance in past times. So should Jim care to return to the university, he will still have three years of competition, which would permit him to play all of his years before graduation.

I am sending you, and also Jim, the 18th edition of our Jayhawk Rebound, which is the last one that we wrote after the war finished. I am hoping to write another rebound to the boys still in the service, but I may now wait until after basketball season is over.

We are coming on pretty well but we still have our troubles, as do all people. Our team is not as smooth as we would like it. We will have a very tough game next week at Columbia, as the Tigers have greatly improved their play with three editions of returned veterans. As you know, the Tigers defeated Iowa State at Ames last night and that is a tough assignment. We then play Iowa State here on February 25 and three days later play Oklahoma at Norman. It is still a tight fight.

Jim did mighty well for us and for himself while he was at the university and I am hoping that he will be able to enroll next year.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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