February 2, 1946

Blaine E. Hibler, 1st Lt. H.S.M.C.R. M. B. N. A. D. Hastings, Nebraska

Dear Blaine:

I called Charlie Black into the office this morning and read him your letter. He was delighted to hear from you. Also, Mrs. Bud French, my secretary, told me that she remembered you from grade school at E. C. White. Mrs. French is the wife of Bud French, a returned veteran in the Navy who is studying to be a coach, and the brother of Bert Hall, who has also been discharged but has not enrolled in a university yet. So you see, I have several high recommendations concerning you.

I want you to know how very much I appreciate a Missouri and a Purdue man referring these two fine boys to us here at Mansas.

You have been very generous in your praise of my son Bob, who. is now a naval lieutenant junior grade on a flat top in the Pacific with the medical corps.

If you will be kind enough to write to Albert Smagiel and Lee Storer, I would appreciate it very much. I would be delighted to have both of these boys with us and, if you think it would be helpful for me to write them, I will follow your advise in the matter.

I want to congratulate you on your fine service with the Marines. The Marine Corps has always been top in all arms of the service with me. We lost Lt. T. P. Hunter on Guam a year ago last July 21. He was one of the grandest men I knew and a true Marine.

With all good wishes and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach.