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Dear Dr. Berry:

I do not want you to think that I any the less appreciate your fine letter of the 24th of May due to my negligence in answering you.

The fact of the matter is that I took just thirty days off to complete my manuscript for my new book which I had promised the publishers to have in New York by July 1st. I have been working for two years on "Better Basketball" incorporating Technique, Tactics and Tales, and I was forced to take the last thirty days off to finish the job.

I appreciate very much your writing me concerning your availability for the position here. The fact of the matter is that the Chancellor and the Dean of the School of Education desired a very young man with an advanced degree so that he could give his next fifteen or twenty years to the development of work here that is just in the making.

I know that you are 57 years young and I mean what I say, because I am 52 and I feel that I could do some pretty good work yet, if I was not so confounded lazy. But the hunt is for very young men and as far as I am concerned I am perfectly willing that these young boys jump in and work just as feverishly as you and I did when we were about that age.

Had we the money here I would certainly bring you on and have you contribute to this department the great benefits of the talents and the energy that you have accumulated in your very valuable years at Springfield and abroad.

Perhaps another year may bring this about but Kansas has been hit by two terrible drouths, just