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Dear friend Affleck:

I have written to Dr. Elmer Berry answering his good letter of the 24th ultimo.

I explained to him why I took so long in answering and to you I am making the same explanation. Two years ago I started to write a new book on basketball entitled "Better Basketball" incorporating Technique, Tactics and Tales. Having promised the publishers that I would have the manuscript in New York by July 1st forced me to cancel all of my engagements for the last thirty days and to work day and night to complete it.

I just let my correspondence go as well as my administrative work here at the university. I was able to get under the wire by twelve hours and I consider that quite an accomplishment for me, who tries to undertake too many activities for his own good.

I wrote Dr. Berry that the Dean of the School of Education here, as well as the Chancellor, both of whom are nearing the age of 70 years, are very much concerned in obtaining a young man around 30 years of age so that the next fifteen or twenty years will be given to productive research and teaching activities.

Had we the money I would bring Dr. Berry on here for the wonderful contribution he could give a department such as ours. We have had two very serious drouths preceded one year by a flood that devastated things as badly in the spring as the drouth did in the summer and fall. Our people are pretty low financially but this year they are facing prospects of bumper crops of wheat, corn, potatoes and almost everything that makes a farmer happy.

If we could have this prosperity continue for another year I am very sure that some of the legislators might spend \$3.98 for a \$10 pair of shoes.