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Dear Bobby:

Mother and I got your good letter this morning and greatly appreciated it. I want to explain to you why we did not wire you from Norman. We had to hurry like the mischief to catch the train to get back to Oklahoma City and that after they had held it 30 minutes there. I will write you at length later, but this is just a hurried note to tell you that we are delighted you are going to be here with us seven weeks this summer. We will play a lot of golf and have a lot of fun.

As I told you before, you are living your own life and I want you to make your own decisions for your own welfare. Remember, your life belongs to you and the way you live it is your own concern. I would do exactly what I thought was best for me and my future, if I were you. I have always followed this philosophy, and have advised others to do likewise.

If any mistakes are made and you do what you think is best, then you have only to settle with yourself. Whereas if things do not come out the way you wanted them and you have followed someone else's advice, then you are always unhappy because you think that possibly had you done otherwise things would have turned out differently.

I am glad you are getting along splendidly, and as you know, I am always pulling for the very best things for you at all times.

We are leaving tomorrow noon for Manhattan and it is going to be a tough game, but somehow I believe the boys have the stuff. We have got to win it to tie for the championship.

With love,