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Dr. and Mrs. Don Carlos Peete,
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Dear Don and Alice:

I have been trying since December 24th to write you and thank you for the beautiful tie which you so thoughtfully gave me. Gosh, it is a dandy, and on Sunday morning before I left Kansas City I opened it and wore it down home the day before Christmas. I don't know when I have received a tie that I really liked and enjoyed more.

I also delivered the present to Earl Falkenstien, and I imagine Earl has already written you long before now telling you how much he appreciated the same.

The Kansas colors, crimson and blue, are very dominant, and the gold band in between reminded me of the Kansas Jayhawk on our warmups. I think you must have had an eye to that when you bought it. Again, thanks a million. And do know that I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We go to Columbia, Missouri, for Friday night's game, leaving here Friday morning at 5:30 over the Santa Fe. The connections are so terrible that the only other possibility would be to leave at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon and get to Columbia Thursday night, then we would have two days and two nights in Columbia because we would be forced to stay Friday night after the game and not get out until Saturday morning. By the time we got home it would be past the 48-hour limit for the Navy, so we have decided on the former course. Now, isn't that something -- Columbia, 176 miles from Kansas City, and it takes more than 48 hours to make the trip!

I do not believe we have enough to defeat the Tigers at present, but we may take them at Lawrence. I am not too optimistic about that because this boy Kurash seems to be the leavener that the Tigers needed. Collins is good, but Kurash and Collins together with the big boy give the Tigers a pretty versatile outfit.

And just to think, the Kansas Aggies beat Oklahoma last night! Anything can happen, but I am afraid too much will happen to us to allow us to get very far in the Big Six race. Our boys are just too young and in-