

November 17, 1943.

Mr. Fred J. Pralle,
Phillips Petroleum Company,
Bartlesville, Okla.

Dear Fred:

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter, but I have been so covered up with details that it has not been possible until this time.

I am having guests here for the Missouri game and it will not be possible for me to see Tom Cordell any time during that week-end. Immediately after the game I am leaving for two Parent-Teachers Association speaking dates on Monday and Tuesday.

My class in Theory and Practice of Athletic Training meets at 9:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and I would be glad to see Tom at 9:30 on some Friday. Then he could stay over the week-end and come in to the class again on Monday. He could leave Monday afternoon. Or, I could see him on a Monday and Wednesday, but I would like for him to stay the three days. Doubtless there are some Bartlesville boys here with whom he could stay, and I would make no charge, of course.

Let me know when Tom is coming. I am sorry that it will not be possible to see him this week-end, but some times these things are not so easily taken care of.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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November 13, 1943

Dear Doctor Allen:

Tom Cordell, local high school athlete, who is making a fine record in both football and basketball, has been bothered with a bad knee and shoulder. Mr. Cordell, Assistant Sales Manager in our Phillips organization, is quite anxious that something be done about Tom's injuries and he has asked me to write and find out if you would examine the boy. Tom is a tall, well coordinated, rangy boy with prospects of a great future in athletics providing his knee responds to treatment.

I realize how busy you are at this time but know that you will see Tom if at all possible. He can make arrangements to be in Lawrence for an appointment at your convenience but prefers some weekend so he would not miss any school. If next weekend is suitable, he can leave Bartlesville Saturday morning, November 20, be in Lawrence that afternoon and will stay over Monday if necessary. I shall appreciate an answer as to when it will be advisable for Tom to come to Lawrence.

Best regards to Mrs. Allen and the Family,

Thanking you for the favor,

Respectfully,

Fred J. Beall



October 15, 1943.

Lt. J. P. Puffinbarger, USNR,
Office of State Director of Selective Service,
State Capitol,
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Lieutenant Puffinbarger:

James C. Brock played at Kansas State College several years ago and had quite a record as a place-kicker. If I am not mistaken, he had a younger brother who played at Purdue, who was a blocker.

I trust this gives you the desired information.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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OFFICE OF
STATE DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE
STATE CAPITOL
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

IN REPLY REFER TO:
FILE No.

9 October 1943

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
STATE DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dr. Phog Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas


Dear Friend:

You no doubt will be somewhat surprised to hear from me. However, we have a man who is playing football in our vicinity by the name of James C. Brock, and we understand that he played on the squad either at the University of Kansas or Kansas State.

Would you be so kind as to advise us regarding his ability as a football player?

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


J. P. PUFFINBARGER
Lieut., USNR



September 21, 1943.

Mr. R. L. Hart,
The J. E. Porter Corporation,
Ottawa, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Hart:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and will appreciate it if you will change the first item on our order POV No. 967 to "two #74 Parallel Bars with height adjustment".

I am also enclosing herewith the two signed copies of the certification covering the purchase of these items.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The
J. E. PORTER CORPORATION
SUCCESSOR TO A. G. SPALDING & BROS. CO., GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT DIVISION

OTTAWA
ILLINOIS

September 15, 1943

University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Re: Your order POV No. 967

Gentlemen:

The first item on this purchase order we believe is supposed to call for two #74 Parallel Bars with height adjustment instead of "2 #74 Springboards, inclined, 6', height and width adjustment". Will you please confirm.

Please find enclosed two copies of the certification which we ask that you sign and return (both copies) to us for our files. This certification is necessary in order that we obtain allotments for critical materials from the War Production Board.

Very truly yours,

J. E. PORTER CORPORATION

BY R. L. Hart

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Encs.

July 13, 1944.

Mrs. Don Carlos Peete,
4140 Cambridge,
Kansas City, Kansas.

My dear Alice:

Your letter just came and I am answering it immediately regarding Jinny Jane. I believe that she would be happy in a sorority and I am sure she would get plenty of bids from the outstanding sororities.

Virginia Hutson Getto, Mike Getto's wife, is a very strong Pi Phi, as is Milton's wife, Isabel. Of course, Eleanor is a Kappa, but she is away. But I know a great many girls in the Kappa sorority that I could see and arrange for dates with the Kappas. Dr. Fred Wrightman's daughter, Rosalie, is a Kappa and she is a very good friend of ours. Dr. Wrightman was a Missouri Phi Psi. I have known him since his school days at Columbia.

And the same for the Thetas. I can not think of the individuals now, but of course Mrs. Lindley was a Theta, as are a great number of the wives of men on the faculty. Margaret Stratton, the daughter of Dr. George Stratton, in the Chemistry Department, is a Theta. Mrs. Malott is a Delta Gamma. I would be very happy, of course, to make the very necessary contacts to see that Jinny Jane gets dates with all of these sororities.

Here is my estimate of the fraternities and sororities at the University, or, in fact, in the midwest. They are badly, badly overdone and overstressed. But they do have their place. If a girl can work at it sensibly, look them all over, and then actually choose from the group that she thinks she would be most compatible with, if she should get the bid from this sorority, then I would say that she would be a smart girl. But if a girl would look at it from a standpoint that if she doesn't make this sorority all is lost, then that is the wrong conception.

Now, please understand that I say in the beginning that fraternities and sororities are overstressed here. They are. The kids in these sororities think they are more "hot pumpkins" than they are. It is a state of mind that has not been clarified by the youngsters as yet. At every fraternity gathering that I have been I tell them very definitely that in my opinion are the most badly overstressed thing that I know of. Then, when I deflate them from that standpoint, I tell them of the benefits of the fraternities. The sense of belonging, the thought of having close friendships that mean more than just conventional acquaintances, and the responsibility of knowing that this group has to foot the bills and make the thing go -- something for youngsters that is challenging and at the same time satisfying. And then the parents get quite a kick out of coming to the organizations because they are run well, things are done for each

other and for the sorority that puts every individual member on their toes. The upperclassmen take them to task and deflate some of the ego, and at the same time they give them a pat on the shoulder and encourage them.

Then the alumni in the outfit who have become leaders are constantly held up before them. In that way I think it is a great thing. On the other hand, if a girl does not care for all of that, some of which is good and some of which is trivial, then the dormitory life is quite appealing to some people, but the little finer cultures and the so-called nicer things, as youngsters look at them, all of them are not had at the dormitories.

The housemothers of these dormitories do a lot for them but there is still something lacking for the girl who desires the nicest things that can come to her.

Through their long years of tenure at Kansas the sororities have established themselves pretty definitely and they are pretty fine people. Yes, the scholastic demands are emphasized pretty definitely in sororities.

I am glad to know that Jinny Jane will enter in September, and I will immediately get busy as soon as I have a reply from you. Won't you tell me what sororities, if any, she has any dates with now. I heard you talking to Mrs. Raymond Nichols but did not follow it, so will ask you to give me all the dope and you can count on my getting Jinny Jane a fine line-up with all the sororities that she wishes. Won't you write me and let me know the ones of your preference? This is entirely confidential, so if you have not made any preferences tell me that.

Sometime before long I am going to make it a point to visit you and the family at your home when we can really go over the matter and talk it out to everybody's satisfaction. What I do in this regard will not be discussed at home, and I will ask you to maintain the same discretion. I am sorry that things are as they are, but I believe that we can do better by my making the arrangements.

I am glad to know about the egg lemonade. I enjoy them every morning and I know that all of you will, too. Give Don, senior and junior, my kindest regards, and oh, yes, by the way, I promised to get the first name of the sailor. Did you get the name? If not, I am frank to confess that I do not know the last name of that handsome sailor. But I am sure Sannie Lou, being the clever worker that she is, has already gotten the dope. If not, let me know and I will do that pronto. Tell Jinny Jane that we will be expecting her here and expecting to do any and everything that she may wish when she drops in the office on the morning of September 16th. Of course, I will see you soon.

With all good wishes to you and your family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

Wednesday

My dear Forrest,

Because I don't know just the proper person to whom to write, tag yours it!

Virginia (Jenny Jane) will enroll Sept. 16th. She thinks that she would prefer dormitory life to rooming house. How does one go about making application - are they just for co-op. students or what? I know nothing about them and forgot to inquire when there. (A one track mind is a definite handicap!) J.J. is all agog over coming to K.U. I realize now that any thing else was only an interlude, for she has always "just expected" to go to Kansas. She is not a scholastic fire-ball - but

who knows - the breezes that
blow on Acad might just quite
a flame into being.

Another thing - what do you
think of societies, generally
speaking? You are on the
hill and have seen them
from hill-top and valley view
point. Do the desirable features
over balance the undesirable?
I realize that in any group
there are always transgressors
against decorum, convention
and good taste. Do you feel
that this condition exists
any more noticeably in
societies or is it because
they are generally in the
public eye that any deviation
from convention is the
more re-marked - Are the
scholastic demands high enough
that they are an incentive to
grade-making? How do I
haven't ever had a chance
to "hash" the matter out, and

Knowing that J.J. will have some
dates, I should like to have your
opinion. Of course, I am fully
aware that she may not be
pledged^(or bid), but I don't want to
go into anything without thought.
J.J. has quite a measure of
strength of character - she has
never felt it was necessary to
do things just because "they are
being done."

Sammie Lane pines for the
Navy! She says she's coming
to every game - school night
or not. She's sumpin! She's
working in the record room
at U of K hoop. on a little
research problem for Don -
& the students give her quite
a buzz - Don jr is so busy
growing that he's completely
worn out all the time. We
have adapted your egg-lemon-
ades and he consumes
about 3 per day - in addition

to his regular "15-minute feeding
schedule -"

I trust I haven't interrupted
affairs of state - (and don't mention
this at 801 - the dimensions
outgrow boundaries!) and
my thanks ahead of your
reply, because I know you
are so generous, you will
reply.

Don is going to ^{have} to quit the practice
of medicine, this is presidential
year, and after the term he
spends talking politics, he is
too weary to take care of ailments.
Dr. Major is going to retire for
the same purpose!

Today is my birthday,
I'm going out to kick up my
heels!

Sincerely,

Alice -

Don says "Howdy & come & see
us, you Allens."

Mr. Joseph F. Reardon,
Director of Minor League Clubs,
Philadelphia National League Club,
Packard Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Reardon:

I think I should be frank enough to tell you that I am secretary of the Selective Service Board here, and at the present time I am chairman of the Douglas County Red Cross War Fund Drive. In addition to that, I am carrying a full load of teaching here at the University.

There is a possibility that the A-12 Army program will be discontinued and the V-12 Navy program will be cut to serve only physicians and dentists. I am not sure just exactly what my summer program will be at the present time. I should know in the next few weeks.

Yes, we are closely connected with the coaches in the Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska high schools. If I were free in the summer, which I may be, I would be able to contact many of these prospects.

What is your policy regarding 17-year-old boys? Is the national agreement so that you can sign a teen-age boy with his parents consent, and make it stick as a good contract after the war? Or are you more especially interested in 4F boys, 18 or 19 years of age, who have been rejected? I would be glad to have your angle so as to better understand your desires and your problems.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 1, 1944

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

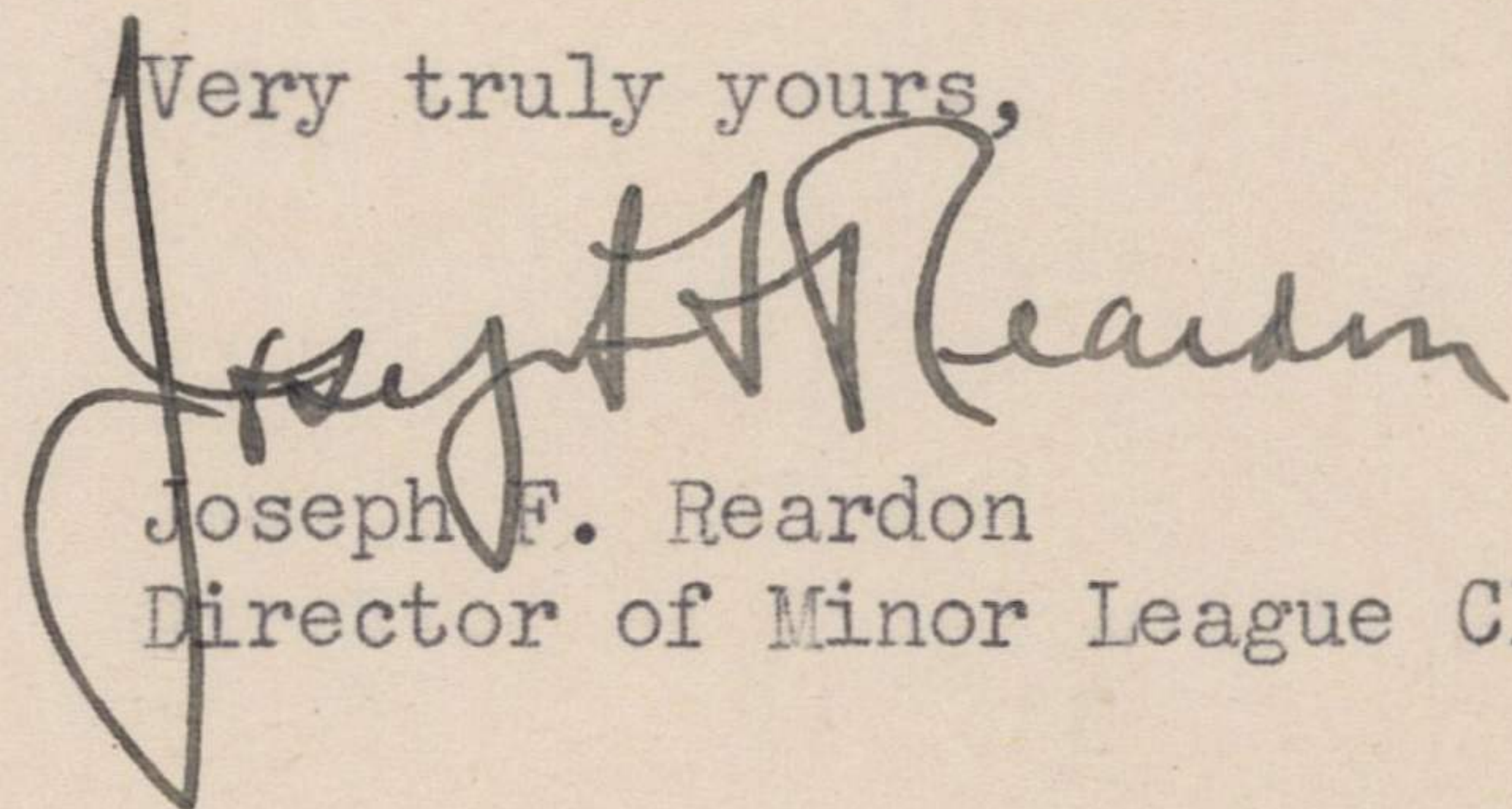
In reply to yours of the 22nd. If it would be of interest to you to recommend players in and around that territory for our organization, we would be glad to compensate you in the amount of \$500.00 for the summer months.

Naturally we assume you have a number of contacts in local high schools and these coaches would readily recommend boys to you. On the other hand if this is not satisfactory we will pay you on the basis of \$100.00 for each player recommended that remains in our organization thirty days.

I will be pleased to hear from you by return mail on this arrangement.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,



Joseph F. Reardon
Director of Minor League Clubs

JFR:nb

February 22, 1944.

Philadelphia National League Baseball Club,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

A letter came to me about a week or ten days ago, which had been missent to Kansas City, Kansas, signed by your manager or director of minor league clubs, asking if I would be interested in scotting in this area for your baseball club.

I fail to find the letter on my desk and it apparently has been misplaced. I had expected to answer it before this, but the misplacement of same has deterred me.

In the letter it was mentioned that Mr. Herb Pennock had recommended me for the position. I would be interested in knowing what compensation you have in mind for such a position. I am not now connected with any organization for the 1944 season.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB

The
Phillies

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January 25, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Athletic Director
Kansas University
Kansas, City, Kansas

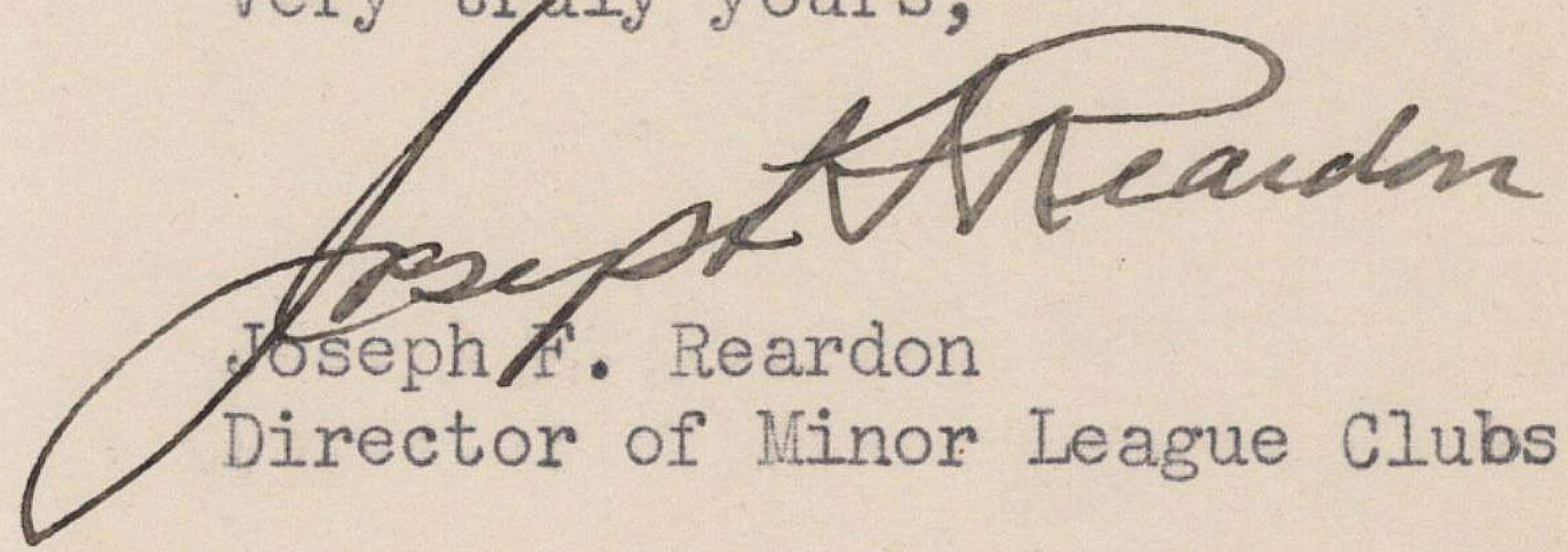
Dear Dr. Allen:

The Philadelphia organization will not have a scout in and around Kansas this year due to our operating like other systems, on a skeleton staff. However, Herb Pennock our General Manager has brought your name to my attention.

Are you committed or now connected with any organization for the 1944 season? If not I would be pleased to hear from you on what scale, provided it is possible, that you would recommend young prospects to our organization.

I would appreciate an early reply. Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,


Joseph F. Reardon
Director of Minor League Clubs

JFR:nb

November 1, 1943.

Dr. and Mrs. Don Carlos Peete,
4140 Cambridge Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Don and Alice:

I am returning by parcel post Don's rubbers which the Peetes left at the Allen domicile Saturday night.

Suffice to say that I enjoyed the feminine chef who so artistically concocted the waffles and other palatable edibles. I got over to the Chancellor's house at 9:30, in due time. I was invited for 8, but at that I had a good hour and a half, which was dandy. Met President and Mrs. Eisenhower, and I might add that they are lovely people. President Eisenhower is a very affable, intelligent and congenial educator. He is easy to meet and especially pleasing to converse with. It was mostly the administrative family there - Raymond and Mrs. Nichols, Dean and Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Geltoh (nee Agnes Husband, former dean of women), Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Nelson of the Biochemistry Department, and Mrs. Malott's mother and sister. It was a very enjoyable evening.

I want you to know how much I enjoyed the evening with you good people, and that was the reason I was loath to hurry over to the other gathering.

I am working on my Jayhawk Rebounds and will have a new one for you very shortly, and I will not forget Virginia Peete's address at Monticello College at Godfrey, Illinois.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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