PHIADES PERCORRING COMPANY

BARTIESVILE, OKLAHOMA

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

J. M. SANDS, VICE PRESIDENT

K. E. BEALL R. A. HENDRICKS C. E. TURNER

T. S. GAY

January 20, 1944

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

Tom Cordell was in to see me yesterday about his going to college. He has in mind to take the Navy V12 or Navy V 5 program and save his college athletic competition until after the war. However, I was not familiar with the setup to give him any advice. He told me that Dale Arbuckle and several others from their staff had approached him about going to school at Oklahoma but that he was not particularly impressed by these men. I believe that at this time he would prefer to go to Kansas because he certainly thought very much of you and seemed to like the school in general.

Tom said that he knew you didnot go after basketball players but he hoped you would give him some inkling as to whether or not you wanted him up there. You are familiar in handling matters of this nature but I would like to suggest that if you are interested in this boy, you might send him a bulletin in regard to the Engineering Courses at the University, also some advice as to whether or not he is wise in saving his athletic competition. I am almost positive that with a little encouragment this boy would become a Jayhawker.

Our Phillips 66 Basketball Team is in high gear, now having won twelve games without a defeat. Bud Browning is our coach and has us playing a faster type game than other Phillips teams. It is a style of play that I prefer and one like we used on the Ever Victorious Jayhawk Team of 1935-36 in which we really "rock 'em and sock 'em. It is a pleasure to play ball again and not be held down by the slow "pass, pass, but never shoot system" of Charley Hyatt, and I am having my best year since leaving school. I am not planning on being a basketball tramp but am filling in this year and using this basketball as an advantage to better myself with the company.