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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to recommend to you Mr. Reginald R. Strait, who is at the present time an instructor in our Department of Physical Education at the University of Kansas. I have known Mr. Strait for over ten years.

One of my colleagues, Dr. E. R. Elbel, who is now in the Technical Command of the Army Air Corps, was athletic director and coach at Ottawa University where Mr. Strait attended college in his undergraduate days. Dr. Elbel spoke very highly of Mr. Strait's work at Ottawa. While at Ottawa Mr. Strait was one of the outstanding athletes in that school.

After graduating from college Mr. Strait coached with splendid success in Belle Plaine, Kansas, high school from 1927 to 1931. He then advanced to Kinsley, Kansas, where he was coach and physical education instructor at Kinsley High School. His next advance was to the Chanute, Kansas, high school where he was director of physical education from 1937 to 1942.

Enlistment in the service took Dr. Laurence E. Morehouse from our department, and we cast about for a man to fill his shoes. We were quite fortunate in being able to obtain Mr. Strait. He has done a wonderful job for us and I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion. It has been a delight to have him in our department on account of his efficiency and his personality.

Mr. Strait did his graduate work at the State University of Iowa and he received his Master of Arts degree there in 1936 in Physical Education. He has done additional work toward his Ph. D. degree in that institution. He is a very valuable man in his chosen field.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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