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Dear Gordy:

I, of course, was terribly disappointed, as was Coach Shenk, to learn that you would not be returned to the University of Kansas.

I assure you nothing would have pleased me more than to have seen you graced our campus at least another year. I assure you that we enjoyed having you to the fullest, and I trust, when this thing is over, that when you make your choice of alma maters it will be the University of Kansas. I would like to see you play with a real group of Varsity basketballers. We will have a great bunch of splendid men returning when the war is over and I would derive great pleasure in seeing you operate with that high-powered aggregation. We will have Charlie Black, Ray Evans, and Otto Schnellbacher for sure. With that group of boys you just couldn't miss, so Gordy count on it. Write me and tell me that's in your mind and I will be a happy coach.

Don't worry about what little I was able to do for you. I am tremendously pleased with your fine competitive attitude. It's such fellows as you that I love to work with. You're a real competitor and you hate to get licked, so come on back, Gordy, and we will take it out on the boys who made it tough for us in a few instances.

Certainly, with you gone and only the smaller of the boys, in stature, returning you can see that we will not be very potent as it looks now.

We were delighted to know your mother. She is a grand person. Her wonderful character is reflected in your fine attitude.

Write me occasionally, Gordy. I am always happy to hear from you. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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