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Mrs. Carey Rice
4960 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Rice:

I have just called Dr. Woodruff's office and he found that Bob did not withdraw from his classes. He just left. Perhaps he never thought of doing the thing he should have done; however, I did that for him, thinking when I called Dr. Woodruff that everything else would be taken care of.

The rule of the university is that unless the individual withdraws voluntarily, they have no way of knowing and, of course, they are not responsible for refunds. I believe you see the logic of this with so many thousands of students here. However, Dr. Woodruff's secretary called the School of Education to notify them that he had entered the service. The university, of course, must verify all these things, but they did not know what draft board to contact to get this verification. In my conversation this morning I told them it was the Lawrence, Kansas, Draft Board and they are now checking with them to verify this so that they may give a refund as of December 15, 1945.

We have gone to no end of trouble to try to locate Bob's books. You will agree with me that this was Bob's entire responsibility and not ours, but we are still trying to locate them through the lady who says she is doing all she can to try to find them. I would see Bob over at the Union Building playing ping pong and it is just as likely as not that he misplaced them or lost them. The lady custodian over there says that when they have books that are left for any length of time they revert to the lost and found books group, and unless Bob had his name in them, there would be no way of identifying them. If you had any way of knowing what books he had, it would be easier. It might be a good idea for you to write him and have him write me, giving me a list and a description of the books and letting him tell me where he left them. Also, I would want to know if he had his name in them and how it was signed. All these things are important in endeavoring to help him recover something that he should have taken care of himself. I suppose boys will grow up sometime, but I am sure you will agree it is a slow process.

As soon as I hear from Bob, I will institute further service for the books.