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Major B. L. Roberts, O-135036,
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Camp Carson, Colorado.

Dear Major Les:

You know you may always count on my helping you in any way that you should ask me. There will be a lot of jobs open, Les, but at the present time many of the colleges have such a small enrollment in students that the kind of a job that you want is not wide open at present.

Certainly there are a lot of important high school jobs that pay exceptional money, but the college jobs are few and far between because of the low enrollment. At the University here, Henry Shank and Elmer Schaake, two Kansas football stars, are coaching the varsity football team. Ray Kanehl, a varsity track man and formerly head of the Physical Education department at Wichita East High, is coaching track. All of these men are doubling in Physical Education, and I have the basketball, so our staff is pretty well filled.

The University of Missouri is running on a reduced staff, with Chauncey Simpson the head football coach, assisted by another Missouri man whose name has slipped me for the moment. Tom Botts is track coach, and George Edwards is basketball coach. "Stan" Stankowski is the intramural man, so Missouri is in about the same fix we are.

The small colleges just haven't the personnel and they are coasting along. Would you be interested in a large high school job?

By the way, Colorado Aggies are to be open for a man, assistant in football and basketball, but I think that is after the war. Harry Hughes is the athletic director there.

What I fear, Les, is that most of these schools when they go out to hire a man will want a fellow who has been identified recently with successful coaching jobs. I know that you could do a swell job, but it is getting these fellows sold on the thing that is the most important consideration at present. Won't you write me at length and let me know your reactions? You can count on my helping you in every possible way.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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