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Mr. Otto P. Rost,  
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Dear Otto:

I just received a letter from Kenneth Wulfe-meyer dated the 18th. It arrived this morning and I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I wrote him. Thank you so much, Otto, for your fine work. I greatly appreciate it and certainly want to reciprocate your kind favors at the first opportunity. You tell Kenneth I think he is a star to sacrifice money to take a job that pays him less just to work for an old master like you.

But on the other hand, the fact that he has a job each summer during his tenure at the University makes it quite a durable one. You mention the president of Delta Tau Delta. He is Jack Severin, 1111 West 11th St. If you care to write him it is possible that he could get a table-waiting job or something at the house. However, if he doesn't get that we will have work for him so his coming will not be contingent upon that job.

I wrote Coach Summers at Wood River this afternoon, but as you say, we are primarily interested in Kenneth. If this other boy comes along all right it will be fine, but I am going to give first attention to Kenneth.

You spoke about John Burge. Frankly, I do not know but I have always considered him a sterling athlete. He played on the varsity baseball team two years previous to this year and he was considered a rather ordinary baseball player. I want to say, however, that I coached the team this year and he was one of the best men that I had. He trained beautifully and was a scrapper from the word "go". We had never won but one varsity game in any of the previous years, but this year Johnny won two games himself and he was the best morale builder that I had. I want to say that I was mighty happy to have him on my team, and I like him very much. I see no reason why he could not have been developed into a great player. I rather agree with you that someone failed to get everything out of him.