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Mr. George W. Ramsey,  
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Dear George:

As promised you, I am answering your good letter of the 30th ultimo. Yes, indeed, I am interested very much in Dale Covert. I have heard so much about him.

Here's the thing, George. Many of these schools in our territory are contacting the alumni and raising huge sums of money and are making a definite cash proposition to the boys. Now, I want to tell you that there is none of this activity at Kansas as none of the alumni are giving any money that I know of, and I have never had a basketball man that has had any soft or easy job. The football men have the eating jobs and rooms, and I am not wanting any of those. You say you have seen an offer that provides room and board and a cash job of \$15 or \$20 a month. I can tell you frankly that I do not believe that the best football player that ever attended Kansas ever got that much. The best basketball player we ever had did not make \$20 a month. We do not have a single basketball player that makes over \$15 a month, and he has no room and board, so you can see how impossible it would be for us to even interest Covert if he is flirting with these offers.

The fact that Gwinn Henry could not offer that much money would be pretty good evidence that he doesn't have any alumni that will pay the bill. Why don't you fellows down at El Dorado interest him in the University? You would do much more for the boy if you and Jack would call him into your offices and see if some of the El Dorado people would not take enough interest in him to give him a college education.

I have always felt that college men like to help other college men because they have had their struggles and they want to pass that effort along to someone else not so fortunate at the time. And too, it would do so much more for the boy to find that you people are interested in him as a man and not only as an athlete.

You will agree with me that if someone gives him room, board and spending money that he is just as much a professional as any member of the Kansas City Blue Baseball team. I do not