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Mrs. Fanchon Reid,
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Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Reid:

Thank you for your good letter of the 17th instant. I believe that we are working rather satisfactorily on Bruce's problem, and I believe that we have a solution for it.

I have been playing Bruce out in the center of the court in a position which I call the quarterback. This is on the offense. His defense is very good, and his offense is excellent, but I have been using him at a position that he has not been accustomed to playing.

After the Washburn game he came to me and said, "Doc, I don't like that position. I can't play it. I have been used to playing forward, and just can't play that position."

Now, Mrs. Reid, that is exactly what I want the boys to do. I want them to be frank enough to speak to me freely about their desires and how they really feel about the situation. At last night's practice I made an example of this situation and told the boys that that is exactly what I wanted them to do. That is, to speak their own mind frankly and freely. I told them that I was playing Bruce at forward and shifting Ebling in Bruce's position.

Frankly, I feel that the quarterback position is the choice job of the whole team. It is a great compliment to be picked for that position because only passers with uncanny eyes and excellent coordination and judgment can play this position. Very few boys are able to do so, and I wanted Bruce to know that it was paying him a high compliment to give him a chance there.

However, he is rather a nervous type of boy under pressure, and I believe he will do much better in his old position. He is a wonderful passer and has many exceptional talents, and shows his skills to an excellent advantage. I believe by putting him at his old position he will feel more free and will do a much better job. I am very much pleased with Bruce's attitude. He is a fine modest young man and the only thing that interferes with him is his fears. I think it is his