

Since starting this letter, Herman Engel called in over long distance and I have talked to him - he told me you talked to him very plainly and frankly, that you were very much interested in Bruce and he expressed his belief that you could handle Bruce perfectly and that everything would turn out all right, if Bruce will do his part, and right here I want to promise you for Bruce that he will do that.

Some way Bruce got off on the wrong track this year, got in the upset state of mind that he has been in and it has affected his studies, his basket ball playing and even his sense of right doing. Really Bruce is a good boy, he has never given us any trouble - he has always been clean and honest with us, not hard to control. I realize the importance of discipline and I want Bruce disciplined. I am disappointed that he has been smoking. When Mr. Reid and I were in Lawrence for a little while about ten days ago, we talked to him very seriously, but I am writing him today and I don't believe you will find him smoking any more.

I know that you can do more with Bruce and for him than any one in the world. I am truly appreciative of the interest and patience you have had with him and I earnestly hope that you will continue to bear with him. Much can be done with him, I want him to be the best and I am truly glad that he is under your guidance.

Just a word about Pralle - I know he must be a fine boy, Bruce loves him and thinks he is the greatest of all basket ball players - if Bruce knows that he has broken training he has never spoken of it to us and I don't believe that would influence Bruce any - I know you appreciate the type player and boy that Pralle is and I hope that some day Bruce will mean as much to you.

Mr. Reid and I are planning on seeing the Kansas-Oklahoma game at Norman and I surely hope that we win. You have always had winning teams and the wonderful results that you have obtained over a long period of years prove that you know what you are doing and that you are capable of judging your boys and of handling them.

I thank you very kindly for having written me and with kind regards and with every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Lawrence Reid*