

January 15, 1943.

Mr. David L. Shirk, Coach,
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Dear Dave:

Thanks for your kind words regarding our basketball, and may I reciprocate by congratulating you on a fine team. I have heard many fine things regarding the Augusta team this year and I know who should be given credit for it. I am awfully happy to see you doing so well.

Give your good wife my kindest regards.

Now, regarding the FBI. Dave, I do not believe there is much chance for you on that because you are supposed to have either a legal degree or business training, or some other experience in the investigation field.

Now about your enlisting. You would have to get permission from your draft board to go into any field of endeavor that you would want to enter. I know how you feel, but frankly I do not know of anything you can get in because they have closed the enlistment on everything.

Milton feels the same way and he is talking about endeavoring to enlist in the Marines, but of course he has a child 4½ years of age. But he feels the responsibility of getting in and doing his bit for his country.

Frankly, Dave, I do not know whether you would pass a physical. In fact, I doubt if you would, due to that eye trouble that you had, and your arthritis. Maybe you have entirely recovered, but I believe if I were you I would just sit tight and wait. Then if you should be drafted it takes only a short time until you get a chance for officers' training, and I know that you will make it then. Write me and let me know if you are o.k. physically. In that case you might get into something, but really, with everything closed I am at a loss to know how to advise you. I believe I would just sit tight and let Uncle Sam look after his problems. I am sorry that I can give you no more constructive advice on this at present.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.