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Dear Dr. Allen:

This letter is in regard to our prolific scoring basketball center of Seneca Public High, Alton Wiley.

Lauretta has shown me a copy of the letter and clippings sent by Bernard Kampert, Seneca druggist and former K. U. football player. You also have received copies of the publicity given this young man by the Courier Tribune and sent to the Kansas City Star by the Courier. As you know, Seneca won the district tournament, also their conference title, but lost in the regional meet at Holton. The Seneca team has been very much a one-man team with Wiley, standing a full six inches above everyone else, being fed the ball whereupon he gently places it in the basket with hardly any opposition. This is undoubtedly the reason for his high score of over three hundred points this year. The young fellow is only seventeen years old, parents of medium financial status, who will be able to partially help him in the University and perhaps will take care of all of his expenses if approached in the right manner. As to his scholastic rating in high school, you will find it quite average. The Superintendent of Schools, J. E. Bowers, has been pampering the young fellow, granting special privileges in his behalf for the last three years because of his basketball playing. A characteristic of the boy that is quite predominant is a continuous twitching of the muscles in his face. As I understand it, this was caused by a minor attack of infantile paralysis when he was quite young. He is highly nervous, aggressive in speech but lags a little in performance.

Now I will tell you the reason for the Seneca High team not being able to attend the Oklahoma A. & M. game. We have a peculiar situation in Seneca. We have a superintendent of schools (named above) who is violently disliked by everyone in the community except members of the school board. He has been rehired for another year because of a majority of one vote on the school board, his votes being from individuals who have