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Dear Mack:

While at Lawrence yesterday, I was talking to Dr. F. C. (Phog) Allen regarding some grading work. He mentioned that he would like very much to have your son come to KU and make the basket-ball team. I was not asked to write you but sitting here in the office today, I came to the conclusion that I would like to have you know a dad's feeling toward Dr. Allen. As you know, my boy Bill has been at KU four years. During that time he participated in several forms of athletics under Allen and now has some class under him. One summer, Bill decided to go to summer school and I know for no other reason than to be with Phog. I have never heard Bill say anything but the best about Allen and I know he is a clean man in every respect and that he does not have any lad around him that it otherwise. You and I as dads naturally want our boys around such men. I feel sure that should Jimmy want to work at KU that he could get 35¢ an hour for what work he could do without jeopardizing his school work. You know that a boy at KU makes contacts that afterwards helps him a great deal in life and business and I think that you will agree that KU has many, many outstanding graduates. I don't know if Jim expects to play both football as well as basket ball but if he does he is in for a hard ride at any school. I have always felt that if a boy plays basket ball and does the job well, he needs the other time for "bull sessions" with his friends. Phog rarely has any but championship teams and what boy doesn't want to belong to such an organization. However, every boy on that team must get his studies first for as Bill says "Doc is surely nuts about that and just makes the boy study".