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Rev. Robert A. Hunt
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Dear Dr. Hunt:

We have a young man named Hoyt Baker, who is in high school in Peabody, Kansas, and who is reputed to be the best basketball player in that part of the country. In fact, Dr. Jessen, the Dentist at Peabody, wrote me that he is much better than Engleman. Well, all I have to say is that if he is much better than Engleman he is a dandy.

Hoyt has a brother, Heath Baker, who attended Baker University until this semester when he transferred to the University here. Heath is now enrolled here and is staying at Battenfeld Hall. I had a talk with Heath last Monday morning and he is quite anxious that his brother come to the University of Kansas. However, Notre Dame, Colorado and Oklahoma have made Hoyt definite offers.

Last Saturday Oklahoma paid his expenses to Norman for the Oklahoma-Nebraska game. They had promised him a proposition that would net him \$40.00 per month. Of course, he saw Nebraska score 25 points in 13 minutes on the Sooners, and I guess that did not help the Oklahomans cause any.

I am not using the type of strategy the other fellows are using. The Baker family are fine people. Both boys, the father and the mother have been in my office and I have talked to them on a straight educational basis. The fact that Heath is staying at Battenfeld Hall proves positively that he is an outstanding student, and the appeal to brains is one of our strong points that we are using.

Further than that, I am told that the Bakers are strong Methodists. The father, Paul Baker and the grandfather, Harry Baker, live at Peabody, Kansas. Dr. W.C. Jessen, the Dentist, called me by phone and said if the religious side could be stressed somewhat it would be helpful. The Bakers are coming up here on March 7 to see the Kansas-Oklahoma game, and in the group will be Dr. W.C. Jessen, Mr. Paul Baker, Mr. Harry Baker, together with Hoyt.

I believe we have a pretty good chance to enlist Hoyt, but I am only promising him work at 35¢ an hour and no bonanza.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to write the father, Mr. Paul Baker, and advise him regarding the background that he can expect if his boy comes to the University. I am sure that you as Methodist Minister, and the fact that you have had a son, Robert, on the basketball team, and further, that you have been in close touch with the situation, would help immensely.