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DR. F. C. ALLEN,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

This is Monday evening and I wanted to get a letter on the mail to tell you a little as regards Tucker. I came home yesterday, Sunday, and stopped in Manhattan as Gardner had asked me a number of times to stop and see him but he was always away.

This time he was gone too, but I made some inquiry and finally asked some of the folks about the house if he had not gone to Winfield and they said he had and I asked if he went to see Tucker and they said 'yes' and that he (Gardner) had just phoned before I stopped that Tucker was undecided and would know Monday (today) what he would do, that is where he would go. In the course of the talk someone remarked that likely Tucker would eventually go to KU since the Aggie reputation was not very outstanding just now.

I do not know that the above is of interest to you but that it might be and if so, you are welcome. I am not writing because I am much interested in Tucker nor where he goes. As a matter of fact I have become a bit sour on his mind changing but yet I feel he would be a fine man for your future teams and after all an older person must 'overlook' the wavering of youngsters in the years they are easily influenced.

I want to ask you this as regards Max. I think you mentioned work for him, a couple of hours a day. Would that start at once, that is as soon as he enrolls or school opens? I want him to be clear on his obligations. The fact is Allen, that pressure is being brot on him to go out for football and he may, or I believe will if he has the time. Not that he intends to play always, unless he should be adept at it, but to familiarize himself with the sport so that if he coached later he would know more about fundamentals. And a former Supt. of his suggested maybe he ought to go out and get some touch with football since he might take up sports writing. In case he does that will it make any difference or will he get an assignment from the football dept. or still from the basketball? However, if he tells a coach that the coach will likely say if he is going out for a short time and will not play in future years, that the coach does not care to bother with him. So it would put Max on the spot and I judge that Max is determined enough that if he can do anything worth while at football that he will get into it and go as hard as he can. We talked over various angles with Dean Stockton the other day. If you have any further suggestion I will be glad to hear and I think Max will be here about Sept. 1st.

I was glad to see you the other night. I did not like Crislern so well and his stories and doubted a little that story about the hard-luck boy; but it sounded pretty good anyway.

In haste to mail this. Sincerely, Kissell, Portis

