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Mr. Charles B. Black
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My dear Charles:

I have just returned from Coaching Schools at the University of Texas at Austin and the Kansas High School Coaching School at Topeka. Tomorrow morning I am planning on leaving with Mrs. Allen and our grandson for Louisville, Kentucky to visit my daughter and our grandchildren.

This morning I called your mother and had a nice visit with her. She told me that you had gone to the above address to work a little while in your new location. First, I want to congratulate you on making your numerals at Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin has long had a great reputation in academics and in athletics. I know how difficult it is for a boy to work and make a grade at Wisconsin, and the fact that you have done that stamps you as the stickler of detail and a boy of exceptional ability.

Somehow I have always felt that you belonged to Kansas and I have not been able to change my opinion, even up to this date. We would welcome you here because this is your home. To be with your family, to be able to get the food mother cooks, and to be in this environment somehow makes me press the urge that you return and go along with us for four years. I would be glad to help you get a position whereby you could earn spending money and other necessities, and further than that, I would love to have you work out against our varsity team. It would not be necessary that you report for freshman practice because you have had enough of that, but I would like to have you scrimmage against our varsity as you would give them good competition, and incidentally, you would learn our style of playing.

Our fundamentals are different than Coach Fosters'. They use a type of a roll and our pivot is employed differently than the pivot employed by Wisconsin. We are having some exceptional prospects for freshmen but they are all boys from the State of Kansas. Ray Evans, captain and star of the Wyandotte team, and Bill Brill, also a star from the Wyandotte team, are enrolling this year. We have a number of outstanding freshmen and we would love to have you with us. I am sure that with your experience at Wisconsin and with your further experience this basketball season that