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Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen,  
Basketball Coach, Univ. of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have just had a letter from Gilbert Wilson, one of my basketball players last year and in his letter he tells me of having a visit with you. He seemed to be very much thrilled over the courtesies shown him while there. He seemed to appreciate very much the attitude you took in his case. Naturally it pleased me and I want to thank you for what you did for him.

If you remember my talking with you in Sioux City during the Physical Education meeting he is the boy I mentioned to you. As soon as I told him that I had spoken to you about him he was immediately interested in going to see you. He has, as far as I know, very meager finances and I do not know if he will be able to pay out of State fees. If he can get enough to pay his out State fees I am sure he will enroll with you next fall.

You are probably surprised to know that I am working in Yellowstone for my third summer as Ranger-Naturalist and that I was granted a years leave from school to do work on my Ph. D. and that Mr. LaPorte of U. S. C. gave me a teaching fellowship for next year.

Fishing is good and I say the best in the world and if you come up this way ask for me at Old Faithful ranger station and I will take you on a real fishing trip and guarantee you your limit of fish.

Thanks again for the interest shown in Wilson.

Sincerely yours,

*R. D. Watkins*

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