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Dr. F. C. Allen, Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach,

How is everything with you and the family? I saw Milton when he was here in Tulsa and had a nice visit with him. I have been intending to write you for some time, but you know how those things go.

I have been here with Morgan since '34 and if you ever need any first class engravings, just send me the photographs and we will do you a real job. We also have a complete mat department. The thought comes to me that you do have cuts made of the football and basketball players and use a good sized quantity of mats. I would be glad to quote you some prices on making halftone plates on brass instead of zinc, which will stand more than five times the number of mats than zinc will stand. Please write me regarding my chances of getting this work. We make all the plates for the Oil & Gas Journal, the largest Oil Publication in the world, and also get business from all parts of the middle and Southwest.

One of my purposes in writing you is to find out if you need a good basketball player. I have in mind a fellow here who graduated from Central high School last year and wants to go to school. He is Gerald Buxton, six foot five inches tall and a good ball player. He played center on Grady Skillern's state championship ball club last year. He is working at the present time and would have to have some means of making his expenses through school. I give you my word Doc, that this boy can easily be developed into a high scoring brilliant ball player.

Last year I played with, in fact helped organize, the Fruehauf Trailers and we had a very successful season, going as far as the Safeway team in the National Tournament in Denver. I am not playing this year as they are making too many trips in this Missouri Valley League and are not having much success. Have been following your team and sure hope you get from second to first place in the next few weeks. Good luck and write me soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Sidney Rice, Jr.