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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Received your letter of March 3rd. Must apologize for not writing sooner.

You are right, the basket ball banquet is at the Kiwanis Club on April 13th, at noon. The Wyandotte High School boys are City champions this year, and also champions of the Northeast Kansas League, having gone through without losing a game,

I remember what you told me about getting some boys that tower above 6 feet. This Steinmeyer boy is I think 6 feet, 5 inches, and in the past two years has developed wonderfully. It just so happens that I have his sister as a patient in the hospital at the present time, and through a coincidence I talked to his mother, and she told me her name was Steinmeyer, so I immediately asked her if she was related to the Steinmeyer boy at the High School. She said, "Slightly, being his mother." She told me that he was a little afraid that he could not meet the qualifications of such a good basket ball coach as we have at the University of Kansas. I told her to tell the boy that I thought he was just the type of young man you were looking for, in fact it wasn't always the boy that was the outstanding flash in high school, that you were particularly interested in. This boy has a lot of stuff, and I think you can get a lot out of him, and through my present contact I feel sure I can get him up to the University, however, he has been approached by several different schools, and through some friendship at Oklahoma A. and M. he has a little leaning toward that school.

I am going to talk to him within the next week or so, and then when you are down here at the Kiwanis Meeting we will have a talk with him.

Hoping that April 13th is still open, and that you can be with us, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J.A.B:VE.

P.S. I want to thank you for your many kindnesses during the present basket ball season, in securing for me seats, which we greatly appreciated. However, next year I am going to beat you to the trigger, and get my seats ahead of time. I have appreciated the courtesies you have extended me very, very much.

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