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Dear Bill:

I have just returned from the Big Six Conference meet at Ames, Iowa, the past week end and find your letter on my desk awaiting me. As always, it was good to hear from you. It pleased me very much regarding Vance Hall's attitude.

You can tell Vance that we will see him through, and that means seeing him through difficulties. I am glad to know that Vance is intelligent enough to realize that if jobs weren't any too easy around Downs, they wouldn't be too easy to get around another non-college or college town. I like this boy, Vance Hall, not alone for what you have said about him, but also because I am convinced he has the qualities of courage and manhood that will make him a great athlete at the University. You just tell that boy not to worry, but to come to the University and I will not sell him short in any way whatsoever.

Vance Hall has a great friend in you, Bill, and you can tell him that if he would use his reasoning power thoroughly he can be assured that you are going to see that he gets a square deal from every angle, and I say to you, Bill, that I am for this boy, first, last, and all the time. I will take a great interest in him as a student and as an athlete. Not only that, but when he gets through college we will see that he is placed in a good job. He will realize then that all of his struggles have not been in vain. He will say, "Gosh, I've had a swell time going through college. It has been worth more than I have put into it." Then he will be in a position to get out and face life's difficulties with the philosophy and training that will give him confidence and the zest to attack.

I am glad that Vance is going to work on a ranch. There is nothing like the wide open spaces and outdoor work to give a boy the right philosophy of life. He is contacting nature all the time and there is something about a man's make-up that when he works and sees the wonders of the elements he is a pretty safe individual to deal with. Won't you give me Vance's address so that I may write him during the summer? You tell him that I want to hear from him consistently and he can rest assured that I will write him from time to time. If he has already left I suggest that you send him this