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Dr. F. C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am today sending in to the Summerfield Scholarships Committed a recommendation for one of our senior boys, Harold Wright by name. I am writing to you also, because this boy is not only an outstanding student but also an outstanding athlete and he majors in your sport, Dr. Allen, basketball. I know the Summerfield Committee is not especially interested in bringing athletes to Kansas, but thought you might be interested in this boy and might be able to exert some influence, if not with this committee, elsewhere to bring this boy to Kansas University.

This boy is one of the best students I have had in high school. He is in my opinion the smoothest high school basketball player I've seen. He is 17 years old at present, stands just over 6 ft., and weighs about 170 pounds. His playing has been responsible for carrying us as far as the Regional Tournament last year, and in winning the Morris County League and Tournament this year. I know that he has the ability to make any Big Six basketball team, and I'd like to see that be K. U. I've only had one player here before that I'd give this recommendation and that was Ervin Reid who is now playing at K. S. C., Manhattan. Wright is a better player today than Reid was as a Senior at Manhattan High where he moved after playing three years under me. He is big enough, very fast on the floor and his greatest strength lies in his ability to get the ball off of the backboards, both offensively and defensively. Unless I can make some arrangements for him to get through college--he'll have to make it on his own resources-- at Kansas University, he'll probably attend Kansas State and waste his time on a mediocre basketball team, just as Reid is doing.

He is also an exceptional baseball player and tied for second in the broad-jump at the state track meet at Emporia last year with a leap of somewhat over 21 ft. I hope that you can find some way of helping influence this boy to attend K. U.

Very truly yours,

*Joel N. Martin*  
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