

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN

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DEPARTMENT OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Mr. Forrest C. Allen, Basketball Coach
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have your letter of July 3 regarding the possibilities of bringing Mr. Quigley down here to Austin for our two-game series with your school.

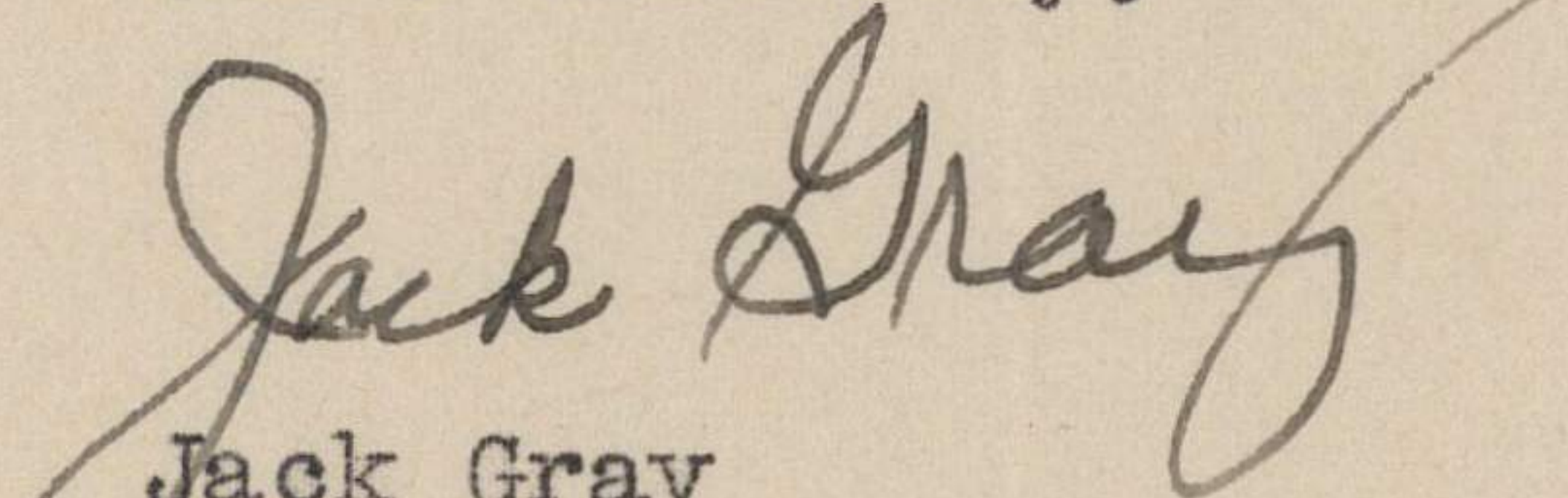
As I explained to you in a previous letter, this series with the University of Kansas is an experimentation for us and we feel sure that we will not be able to make expenses on it after raising the first guarantee that we offered. The interest in basketball here in Austin does not reach its peak until well after Christmas, and I feel sure that we cannot make expenses on this series. In view of this fact, I feel sure that we must do everything to curb our expenses and try to stay within our basketball budget. Two years ago we played the University of Southern California at approximately the same time that our games are scheduled and we suffered a considerable loss. I agree with you that basketball lacks uniformity, but I feel that our officiating here in the Southwest Conference is something like that in the Big Six. Last Christmas we played a two-game series with the University of Oklahoma here at Austin and at that time we used Southwest Conference officials, and I honestly believe that Coach McDermott was well satisfied.

I do not feel hesitant in the least way in recommending Ziggy Sears for our games. At the present, Mr. Sears is the Umpire in the National League and has many years experience in both football and basketball officiating. I believe that Mr. St. Clair, newly appointed Commissioner here in the Southwest Conference, will agree that Mr. Sears is one of the best officials in the game today, and I wish that you would have him suggest the second official from this Conference to work with Mr. Sears in this series.

I am certainly in favor of uniformity in the officiating of basketball, and I will do everything that I possibly can to help improve that condition, but under the present circumstances I feel it will be impossible for us to bring Mr. Quigley to Austin.

Looking forward to the two-game series with your team, I am,

Yours sincerely,


Jack Gray
Basketball Coach

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