

July 13, 1938.

Mr. Jack Gray,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I am glad to have your good letter of the 8th instant and am happy to know that you will be able to come to Lawrence in 1939. I certainly have no desire to disagree with any of your selections, but since we are signing a reciprocal guarantee for the same price in Lawrence as you pay us in Austin, I do not see that the guarantee is any more one way than the other whether for a conference or a non-conference game.

I wrote Mr. Stewart, athletic director at Southern Methodist University, the same type of letter I wrote Mr. Bible, so of course it would not be bringing Mr. Quigley down for just these two games. Next year we would be very happy to have one of your officials come up from Texas and work with Mr. Quigley or one of our conference officials here. We will pay the expenses of both officials next year and you pay the expenses this year. The railroad fare is but a little more for those four games than it would be for some official around in your part of the country.

I can remember when intersectional games were played in football that for several years they used two officials from the visiting team's locality and the other two were from the home team's locality. This was continued for several years until the sectional differences were ironed out, but now the football interpretation has become so uniform that they select all four officials from the territory in which the game is played.

I believe basketball still lacks that uniformity, and in the future I think it will be very easy to take care of this like the football is now being taken care of. But for the present I believe it would be a fine thing to have one official from each section. And too, we can hardly call Mr. Quigley a sectional official since he works football, basketball and baseball games all over the United States.