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Mr. Ab Hinshaw,  
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Dear Ab:

I want to tell you that we were well pleased with your work in our Oklahoma Aggie games, save the one objection that I have noticed continuously - that the illegal starting of the dribble was consistently violated by the Oklahoma Aggies most of the time and with us part of the time.

This was done during the first night and at the beginning of the second night I went to Henry Iba and asked him to speak to you two officials about it. He did so, but I could not see any appreciable improvement in calling this violation.

The reason the rule makers put in the stipulation that the dribble should start with a step and not with a run was the fact that when the dribbler took a step in one direction and then changed his bodily movement by raising the rear pivot foot and start off in another direction it put an unreasonable burden upon the guard, making the dribbling player absolutely impossible to guard without creating a foul. Therefore, the most important part of a dribble play is seeing that the dribbler keeps the rear pivot foot in place, then the guard has a chance to guard him without making a foul.

I had heard that you made the statement that "Phog put the officials on the spot by calling attention to the foul that Bobby Allen committed." I want you to know, Ab, that since my son had committed this type of foul and since it was pointed out that this type of foul is unsportsmanlike conduct, then there was nothing else for me to do than to declare the rule as it was played. Had it been some player other than my son then it could have been more easily excused, but having had a son on the team who is supposed to know the rules it was naturally up to his father to correct the mistake when the officials missed it.

I am saying these things in the most kindly manner and not finding fault at all with you, but I felt like it would be better for me to write you a letter explaining my action than to remain silent and have you feel that I was dissatisfied with any phase of your officiating. Personally, I do not think that