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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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Dear Dr. Allen:

Your letter of the 20th found me in St. Louis attending to business and publicity details of the game with Arkansas. Sorry for the delay in this reply.

In my letter to Shelton on August 12 I invited him for either the week-ends of the 16th or 23rd with preference on the latter because we thought it would draw better; that teams would be in condition to play more smoothly; and I might encounter some difficulty in getting off the extra day from school. In his answer of August 21 he said he couldn't come on the 23rd because of earlier plans, and added: "We believe that Dec. 15 and 16 will be too early to draw much". I assumed from this exchange of letters that he couldn't come on the preferred dates and didn't care to come earlier. Such was my report to you. Your more recent letter infers that he might reconsider in regard to the 15th and 16th.

You might be interested in why I expressed doubt about our obtaining permission for the early dates. We do have a regulation limiting days missed from classes for any team during a semester. This has often been violated when attractive games could not otherwise be scheduled, but each time special requests have come asking coaches to live up to the rule. When I made the remark to Ev our schedule at the time already asked for one day over the limit and the 15th date would extend it another. I always hesitate about and try to avoid asking the Committee to set aside its regulations.

Developments later forced me to drop consideration of a game at Lansing, Mich., for this reason, and instead I arranged for an exchange with Westminster for Dec. 15 and 18 since such games would entail no absences from classes. I dislike to cancel these games unless something more attractive can be arranged.

Therefore, by cancelling or shifting the Westminster dates it is possible for us to participate in a four way arrangement on the 15th and 16th due to dropping the trip to Michigan State. But I still prefer the week later for the games in Kansas City if a fourth team can be found.