

August 10, 1942.

Mr. Henry Iba,  
Oklahoma A. & M. College,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I am enclosing carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. C. E. McBride, which is self-explanatory.

If you haven't closed with anybody on January 29th hold it open, if you will, because things may not turn out as we expected, and we would be glad to have you on our card.

I am sending a similar note to Jack Gardner.

Sincerely yours,

Director of ~~Physical~~ Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Lieut. Commander Larry Snyder, USNR,  
Naval Aviation Pre-Flight School,  
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Larry:

We have finally worked it out with all concerned whereby it will be possible to stage a double-header in Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, with Missouri playing Great Lakes on January 29 and Kansas playing your Pre-Flight School on the same night. On the 30th Missouri will play Pre-Flight School and Kansas will play Great Lakes.

It will doubtless be necessary for you, George Edwards and I to get together on the officials who are to work those games. I would suggest that you confer with Edwards and I will do likewise with a view toward recommending to Commissioner Peters a list of available men that you would like to use.

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Fairfax Airport,  
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I am sorry that things were such that we could not arrange to have your pre-flight school with Oklahoma Aggies and some other school play the preliminary game. However, I thank you for your cooperation.

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Mr. Dorman H. O'Leary,  
Stern Bros., Inv.,  
1009 Baltimore Ave.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dummy:

Harry Welsh and I had several conferences and I finally decided in the interests of all to invite Missouri as our guest on January 29 and 30. The fact that Mac went to bat for this game, together with the fact that it should be a fine attraction caused me to come to this decision.

I called Mac and informed him, and he asked me to write him a letter giving all the details so that he could use it in Sunday's paper. I am sending you a copy of the letter that I have sent Mac, together with the last two letters that passed between George Edwards and me on the Missouri situation.

I know that you will be happy that this has worked out. I believe that I can work with Harry Welsh as I have been very frank with him and I have been favorably impressed with his actions.

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I am sending you a copy of a letter that George Edwards wrote Gwinn Henry regarding our participation and expenses in the Western N.C.A.A. basketball play-offs in the Auditorium last spring. I would like for you to read this correspondence first, and then follow it up with my letter to McBride and the correspondence that I have had with the Navy people.

I do not want to be dictatorial nor do I want to be "a dog in the manger", but there are a great many things that we had planned on that we will not be able to do if Missouri comes into the picture with us. We plan to have our band, the Jay Janes, and to make a pair of Kansas nights out of it, whereas this will be impossible if Missouri is in. Of course, they would object to the Kansas flavor and would expect a neutral set up.

I took this up with the Auditorium people as my correspondence will show and endeavored to bring Oklahoma Aggies and Kansas to Kansas City and play these two teams, and if we had done this we would have packed the hall. But Lt. Tony Hinkle chose to play on the 29th at Missouri. Then after I had arranged our schedule the Missouri people awakened and saw that Kansas was appearing in Kansas City and Missouri was appearing at Columbia. That would be bad, of course, for the alumni and for the dominating forces at Columbia who very much resent our appearing



in Kansas City as they term that virgin Missouri soil.

I have received letters from all sources, including Harry Walsh, who is on the board at the Auditorium. I promised him that I would come in some time and talk with him regarding the matter.

Prior to my doing anything definitely I talked to both the Chancellor and Professor W. W. Davis, chairman of the athletic board, and they could see only the fact that we were cutting our income by such a procedure.

Take plenty of time to read this stuff and do not let it bother you. It is not even necessary for you to answer the communication, but I did want you to know that we as hosts should exercise some right of our own and that we prefer to invite people into our party rather than for them to ask themselves in. I do not have a closed mind on this proposition at the present time, although I rather resent the way Missouri has in doing things. If they were as gratuitous and gentile when they did not want something, then it would delight me much indeed to reciprocate. But I have not found the advocates of the Bengal tribe in a conciliatory mood except when they are the beneficiaries.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



August 7, 1942.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Mo.

Dear George:

I am enclosing carbon copies of letters  
that I have written to Tony Hinkle and Larry Snyder.

I am wondering if you have made any  
recommendations to Reaves Peters regarding the officials  
for your games at Columbia. I will be glad to hear from  
you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



August 7, 1942.

Mr. Harry H. Welsh, Jr.,  
Suite 814 Commerce Trust Bldg.,  
922 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

This is to inform you that I called Mr. Clyde McBride, giving him the information regarding our inviting Missouri as a guest for the two games in Municipal Auditorium January 29 and 30.

You can take this letter as an invitation to Missouri to participate, and we of course will divide share and share alike with Missouri and the other teams on the income of the two nights after expenses of the teams have been met.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



August 1, 1942.

Mr. Harry H. Welsh, Jr.,  
Suite 814 Commerce Trust Bldg.,  
922 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

I have come to no definite decision since having luncheon with you last Saturday afternoon. I told Clyde McBride that I was going to drop up and have a conference with him some time in the near future. That was a week ago, and I have not been able to get away from my desk due to a very urgent situation that I have on my hands at present. That situation is lining up a compulsory physical education program for 1600 men of all schools here at the University. The personnel, equipment and special problems feature that I have on this agenda is overwhelming.

But I will give you a report in the next two weeks, I hope.

I enjoyed the visit with you very much and enjoyed discussing several factors that I am sure will make our relationship more pleasant than it has been heretofore.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FGA:AH



July 23, 1942.

Mr. Harry H. Welsh, Jr.,  
Suite 814 Commerce Trust Bldg.,  
922 Walnut Street,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

I will try to get to your office sometime between 12 and 12:30 on Saturday. If I come on the train it may be around 12:30. However, if I drive I will come earlier, but I am trying to save on tires.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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July 21, 1942

HARRY H. WELSH, JR., General Agent  
Suite 814 Commerce Trust Building  
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Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

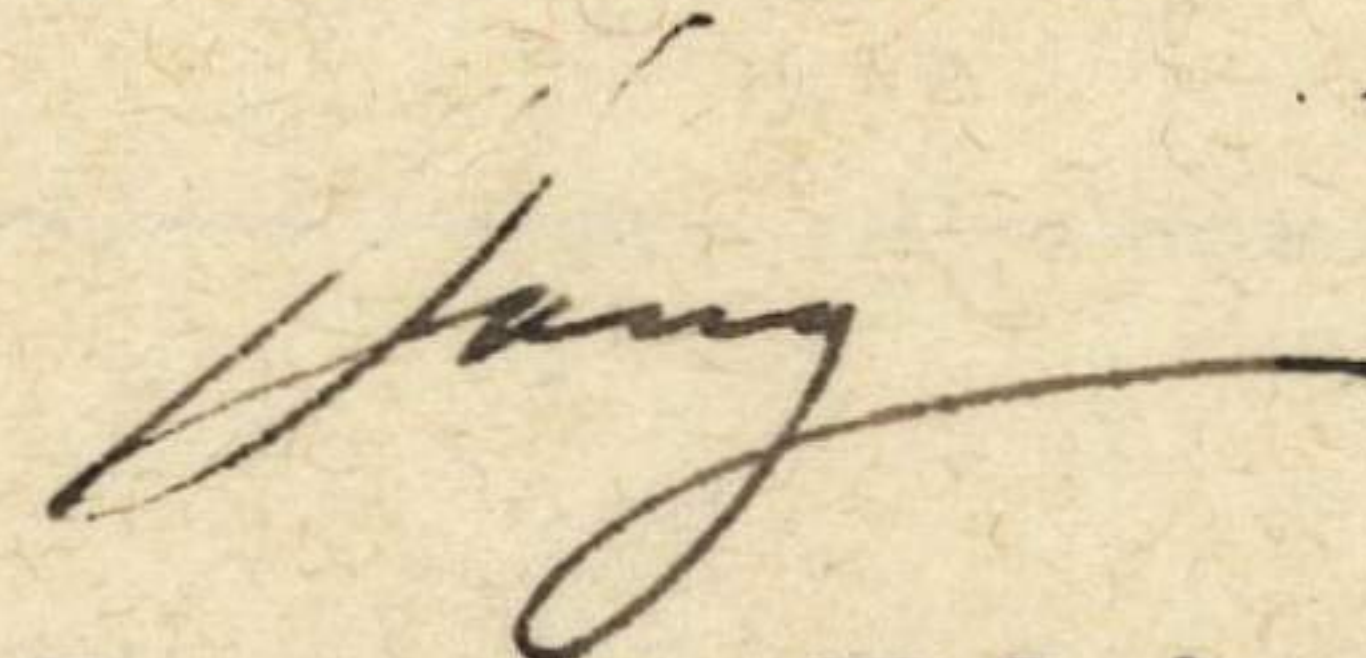
Dear Mr. Allen:

I will be happy to have lunch with you  
Saturday and will spend as much time with you as you can  
spare.

If you will call or come to my office  
when you arrive in town we will decide then where to have  
lunch.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Harry H. Welsh, Jr.  
General Agent

HHW:RW



August 4, 1942.

Lieut. J. H. Gardner, USNR,  
Athletic Officer,  
Fairfax Airport,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

Doubtless our letters passed in the mail.

I have had one conference with Harry Welsh, as I told you in my other letter, and I am hoping to get this matter straightened up in a week. Will that be sufficient time? I certainly want to make the best arrangements possible for all concerned, and do not want to hold back, but I cannot make a decision before that time.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



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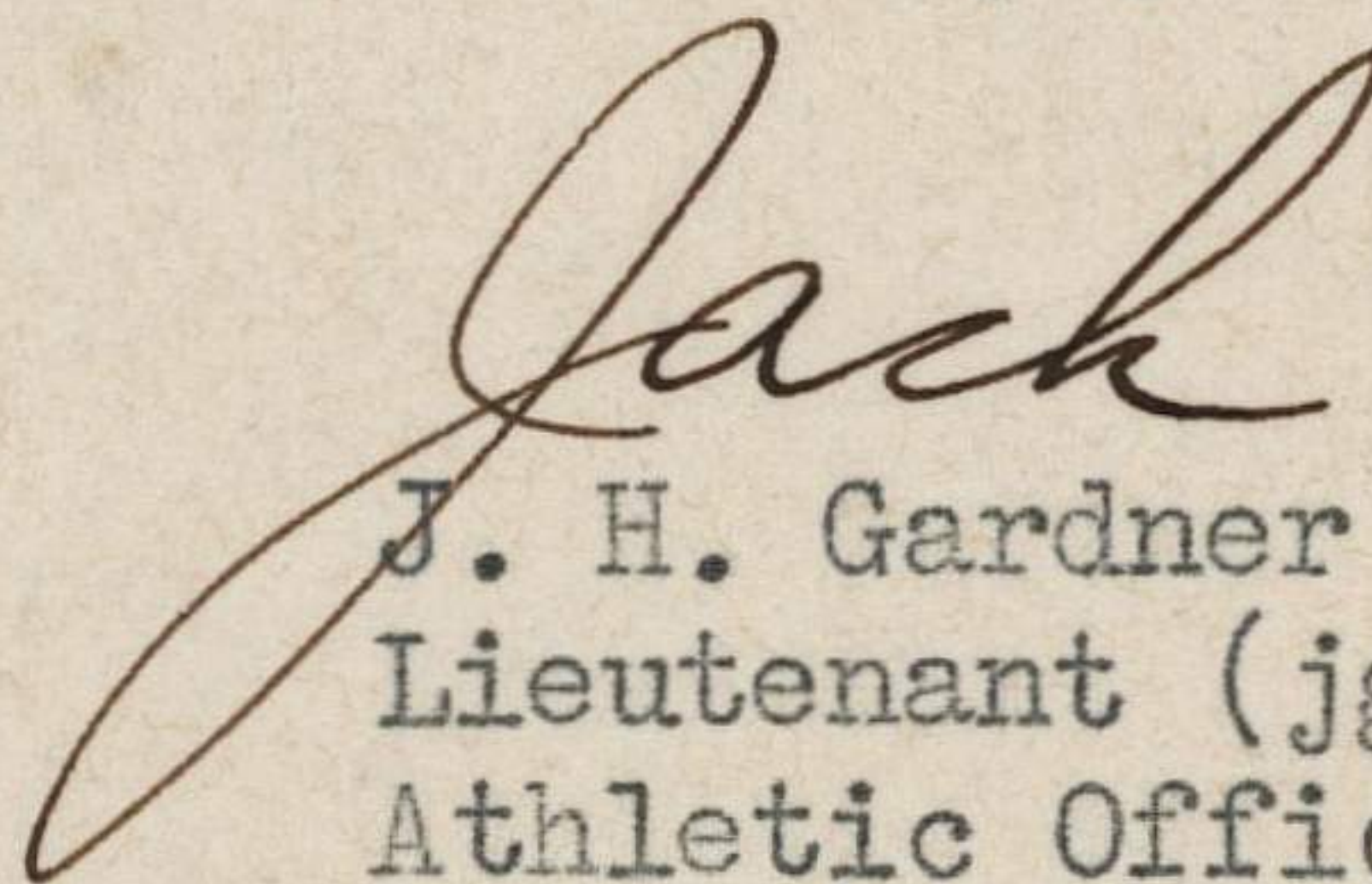
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I would be pleased to know what decision has been reached regarding Oklahoma A&M playing us January 29th. They would like to play us in Kansas City, and if the proposed double header is not going to materialize, would like to start negotiations for some other date. Would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



J. H. Gardner  
Lieutenant (jg), USNR  
Athletic Officer

Dr. Forrest Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas