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Dear Dr. Allen:

Inasmuch as details concerning the appearances of the service teams in this area next winter have been settled there is no imperative reason for writing this letter. However, there was an accusation included in your letter of July 1 which I believe warrants more discussion since if the point is not clarified our future relations may be marked by considerable distrust.

You state: "It is still difficult for me to understand why someone from the outside should tell the host school what they should do concerning their own arrangements, and finally, with the disposition of their own money. Certainly neither I nor anyone else that I have to do with at Kansas has ever dictated to Missouri how Missouri should conduct her own show."

To me the terms "suggestion" and "dictation" imply two contrasting attitudes although one must admit that occasionally a suggestion may be given in such a way that compulsion is involved. In this case I offered, or suggested, to cooperate in a double header series in Kansas City. From information available to me at the time it looked as if the idea was a good one. There was no compulsion involved. The plan did not appeal to you and you refused to accept the suggestion. That was your privilege and you exercised it.

A later remark in your letter regarding Missouri's desire to give all to Navy Relief indicates that you have been misinformed, or have misinterpreted some statement. At no time have we desired to give up a reasonable share of the gate receipts of such contests. McBride hinted that a sacrifice of that kind would be a pleasant gesture, but the idea was solely his. Please re-read that comment sometime. It does not credit us with such a proposal. In fact the matter of finances was discussed with him only on the grounds that a double header plan might turn in a larger amount to Navy Relief than two single games. Making the program a charity affair was never mentioned, nor was it ever in my mind.

If the volunteering of suggestions constitutes dictation then there are numerous instances in which you have been just as guilty as I have been in this instance. I refer to a few.

What would you call published criticisms of N.C.A.A. basketball administration. How about public expressions of your opinions regarding intercollegiate football policies? Was inference that Missouri handles complimentary tickets at basketball games an attempt to dictate or to suggest improvement?