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Dear Dummy:

There has been quite some pressure on the part of the Missouri alumni and authorities at Columbia to assist us in making our basketball schedule. So far as they are concerned they would like to play games in the Municipal Auditorium when we play the Great Lakes and the Pre-Flight School of Iowa City.

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