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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dr. F. C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Late this morning I received the following
by wire:

Creighton will allow shift in dates. Make
plans for 29th and 30th in Kansas City.
Larry Snyder.

A notification of this acceptance was sent
to you by telegraph early this afternoon. Thus, all of
those involved are ready to accept and to execute the
responsibilities made possible by your kind invitation.
As host school I presume that you will draw up the
necessary contracts. Missouri authorities are ready
to sign according to assurance given me by Spurling
earlier in the week.

I regret very much the near mix-up which
arose in regard to Pre-Flight, and am very happy that
both Hickey and Snyder cooperated so beautifully.

In closing my letter of July 10 I wrote:
"Your decision has been accepted; we have gone ahead with
other plans; and I hope your games will bring you lots
of money." Our other plans consisted of a shift in
dates with Pre-Flight in order to permit them to meet
Creighton.

When Spurling asked me if I would be willing
to accept your invitation I thought he was joking as your
letters were rather emphatic regarding my suggestions. If
my own personal feelings had been the sole guide I would
have rejected your invitation, but the fact that I still
thought the double header plan was a good one for both
the competitors and basketball in this area overrode my
personal prejudices and I told Spurling I would like to
accept.

The subsequent news article made it plain that
this is your affair,- and that is proper,- but it also
mentioned the participation of Pre-Flight who, I knew, was
scheduled for Omaha. Until then it never occurred to me
that you would have invited us without knowing that the