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Dr. F. C. Allen,
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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 dates were cleared. It was, then, with the desire to be of assistance if possible that I phoned you when I reached Kansas City. The news seemed to surprise you no end.

While this is a Kansas affair I, nevertheless, agreed to attempt negotiations with Pre-Flight. Larry was very receptive but had already signed a contract with Creighton and we had to await their decision on the request for cancellation of the date.