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Dear Mac:

George Edwards just called me from Kansas City and we had quite a lengthy conversation. As I understand it from him, Larry Snyder of the Pre-Flight School at Iowa City, asked George for a release of January 30 at Columbia so that they might play Creighton at Omaha on that date. George Edwards tells me that when I informed him in my previous letter that there was no possibility of Missouri playing in our double-header that he agreed to this change.

I told George that I could not understand why he (George) did not inform Virgil Spurling of this arrangement, and Virgil in turn inform Harry Welsh, and Harry Welsh inform me prior to our announcement of the arrangement which you made in your Sunday morning's sport page of the Star. Until George just called me I had no inkling of such a thing, although George tells me that he did tell Virgil Spurling and the Missouri group, but I failed to receive any information.

George Edwards suggested that we could possibly fill in with Jack Gardner's Pre-Flight School in the absence of the Iowa City Pre-Flight school. I told him that in my opinion that would be impossible because Jack Gardner is playing a great number of games in the Municipal Auditorium and they will be like a Naismith League team, so to speak. They will have appeared so many times in Kansas City that the drawing power will be nil. I told George that in my opinion unless they could re-establish the schedule as it was announced in the Star that the double-header arrangement as we understood it would not be satisfactory. I suggested to George that he see you, Mac, and ask you to wire Bernie Bierman, the athletic director at Iowa City, and ask for a re-establishment of the original dates with the original team. If this cannot be done, I am in favor of going back to our original agreement and playing Henry Iba and some other service team, if possible.

It seems to me, Mac, that if Missouri knew this and did not so inform us that we were not properly and wholly advised of the pre-arrangement, and Missouri accepted something that they could not normally and rightfully accept on account of their own act of changing the date. I have acted in entire good faith, but I cannot understand why Missouri did not advise us through Harry Welsh. It puts them in a very embarrassing position.

It seems to me the Pre-Flight School at Iowa City would make more money by coming to Kansas City and playing both Missouri and Kansas than they