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Mr. Reaves Peters,
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Dear Reaves:

Thank you for your communication of the 7th instant. Is the February 17th date in which Ab Curtis is to be released our Kansas-Oklahoma Aggies game at Stillwater? I notice March 1 and 4 and 11 are also mentioned for the release of Ab Curtis. I hope that March 4 is for the Creighton game at Lawrence. Eddie Hickey and I have been corresponding some regarding officials so that we could transmit information to you. Eddie will write you and Eilers a letter, and this is what we have tentatively agreed to.

We have agreed that Gibbs and Curtis are the best officials in the middle west. Van Reen is also capable, as is Oberhelman, but lacks as much experience as the first. We had hoped to use either Gibbs or Curtis as one of the stabilizers in the games that we play, using either Van Reen in Omaha, or perhaps Roper or Harrison with the stabilizer. Hickey will doubtless write you in a few days.

I have no aversion to using Jack Gardner, but when we are trying to develop younger officials I do not see why we should not give the younger men a chance along with one of the oldsters, rather than using a coach who will not be at the service long in officiating. So as I see it, we are not building up our officiating staff by using coaches who at the present are dislocated from their coaching. Doubtless we will be playing the Naval training unit there anyhow and since Jack generally scouts our games I am not in favor of having us pay his railroad fare as well as a fee.

Some time this summer after our teaching duties are over on the 25th of July I hope to either play golf with you or sit down and have a couple hours conference. I have been very frank in discussing things with you, and our boys are stymied when Parke Carroll and Ted O'Sullivan work. You know I am one that never has been much in favor of having the boys take an undue part in the selection of an official and I am still of that mind. But Parke has got an uncanny habit of trying to call screening fouls which are of an offensive nature rather than some that are very evident defensive fouls right under his nose.