

January 24, 1941

Mr. Ned Irish
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

Dear Ned:

In the rush of things I find that I have failed to answer your good letter received about two weeks ago. Just too many details to get caught up at present.

I want you to know that we greatly appreciate the many fine courtesies that you showed us and the team while we were in New York. No one could have been treated better.

I am sorry that we did not make a better showing, but I knew that we were doomed when Miller and Voran, two of our last year's regulars who were heavy scorers, failed to return this year. We had no size and very little experience, and then the morning that we left home on the 23rd of December, Bobby Allen took violently ill, then Sollenberger and Vance Hall, and each one of the fellows, one day at a time, took down. We simply had no fight or drive and the boys are just now beginning to recover from their illnesses.

Now, regarding next year's proposition, I would much rather wait until I have a team coming up that I think would make a right sort of impression in the East. I will have a bunch of youngsters next year which it will take a year or two to season, but the material on the freshman team is much better than it has been in years past.

However, I believe that we will stay home and learn some fundamentals and if we have a few fair-sighted boys to throw in the hoops, I am sure that we will not be in the position we were this year when some of our standbys failed to return.

Again thanking you for all your courtesies and kindnesses,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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NINE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 7th, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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University of Kansas,
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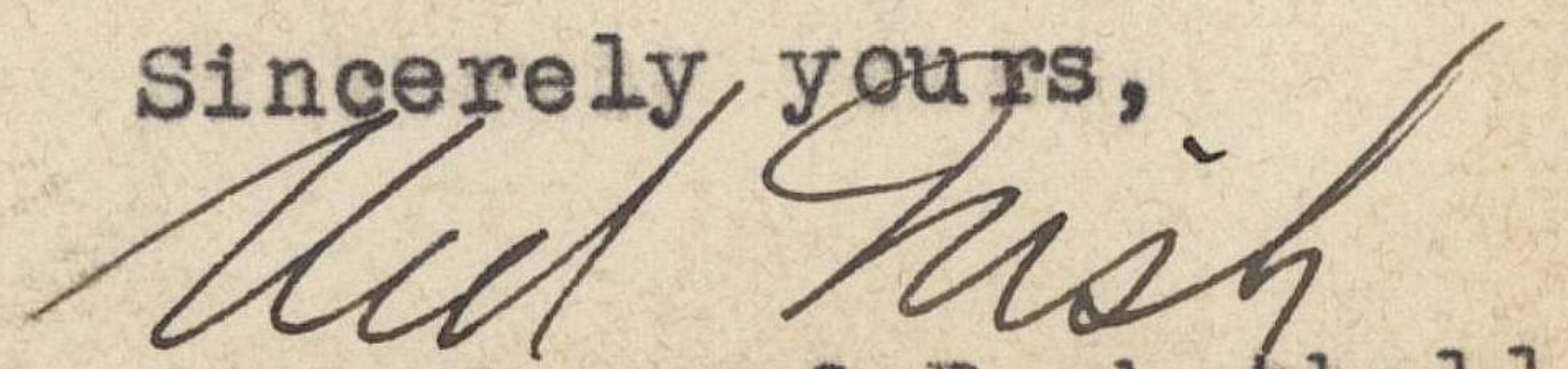
Dear Phog:-

I am very happy to know that you enjoyed your trip and presume you would have enjoyed it a great deal more had your boys been more successful here and in Philadelphia. We enjoyed very much having you back here, and I sincerely trust that Kansas University will continue to be a regular visitor to New York City. It was a pleasure meeting the boys and I am sure that the majority of them would do much better on their second trip. Howard Engleman was one of the finest players it has been my pleasure to see compete in these games.

Regarding the settlement for your games with Fordham and Temple University. I am today forwarding a statement of your account to Fordham University and I presume this will be relayed to you without undue delay. The same condition exists in reference to your game with Temple University. Mr. Yoemans, I am sure, will forward this to you. For your advance information, my accounts at present show that Fordham will receive for your account the amount of \$2846.44 minus a tax deduction of \$7.80 on complimentary tickets, or a net balance of \$2838.64. Temple University will receive for your account \$603.72 less a complimentary ticket tax deduction of \$7.25 for a net balance of \$596.47. The gate receipts in New York for your game with Fordham amounted to \$17,714.34, the gate receipts in Philadelphia \$2567.24. Your total proceeds from the two games will, therefore, be \$3435.11. I imagine that you will receive along with your statement from Fordham a request for a note certifying that your expenses exceeded the limit of \$2080.00, which reimbursement is included in the total sum you will receive.

I trust that you will let me know if you are interested in returning, and if so with what schools you would care to schedule games so that I can refer the matter to them to take up with you directly in regard to arrangements on dates and financial conditions.

Sincerely yours,


Director of Basketball
Madison Square Garden

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April 16, 1940.

Mr. Ned Irish,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

The figures that you mention, \$1500 from Fordham and \$580 from Temple, are agreeable, and the dates, Saturday, December 28 in New York City, and Monday, December 30 at Philadelphia, are perfectly satisfactory. Your percentage figures are also agreeable, and I feel that we will have a good game.

You may have Ed Kelleher and the Temple coach (and by the way, his name has slipped my mind - will you please inform me?) forward the agreements on the above stated basis.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
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NEW YORK CITY

April 15, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I have your note of April 12th regarding the transportation and hotel expense and will rectify my mistake in figuring the transportation and pullman.

It is my understanding that your expenses would be \$2080; of this amount \$1500 would be reimbursed you by Fordham University and \$580 by Temple University.

I am a bit concerned over the days that you mention in your letter, since it was my understanding from our conversation that we were discussing your game with Fordham to be played in New York on Saturday December 28th and with Temple University in Philadelphia on Monday December 30th. This is the arrangement that I have been working on in making up my schedule for both places.

Regarding the percentage figures for both Madison Square Garden and Convention Hall: The percentage for Kansas University in both places would be 10% of the gate receipts after the following deductions have been made:

In New York the Kansas expenses are \$1500. The expenses of University of Minnesota are not to exceed \$1250, and the expenses of Madison Square Garden preparation, officials, tickets, personnel, etc. not to exceed \$1500, or a total of \$4250.

In Philadelphia the deductions would be - Kansas not to exceed \$580. The other visiting team not to exceed \$750, if it is Santa Clara, which now seems likely, and the Convention Hall expenses not to exceed \$1000, or a total of \$2330.

As you can see from this figure, the total deduction from both spots would be \$6580 at the most.

I would conservatively estimate the receipts from these two games to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The \$15,000 receipts would be below our average for the past season. I do not see how the trip could fail to net you a profit of at least \$1000, and will be disappointed if you do not make considerably more.

I trust that this is the information you desire, and if I have been correct in my assumption of the dates, I will get in touch with Fordham and Temple and have them forward the agreements to you on the above stated basis.

Sincerely yours

Ned Irish

April 12, 1940.

Mr. Ned Irish,
Director of Basketball,
Madison Square Garden,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

I have been out of town, and upon my return I find your letter awaiting me. I checked with the railroad company here and the fare to New York from here is \$71.50 and the pullman is \$10.25 each way, \$20.50 round trip, making a total of \$92.00 per person. For fifteen men that would make a total of \$1380.00.

I agree with your reckoning of \$100.00 a day for the party for hotel and meals.

The best possible time that we could make out of Lawrence would be to leave on Sunday, arriving in New York Monday night, playing Tuesday; then with a day of rest on Wednesday, playing at Philadelphia on Thursday, and getting out of Philadelphia for Lawrence - all this would make a minimum of seven days by the closest rail connection we could make. That would add \$100.00 additional. This \$700.00 added to \$1380.00 would make \$2080.00, instead of the amount of \$1850.00 that you mentioned.

Any way that Fordham and Temple desire to split the expenses is entirely agreeable to me and I will go along with those figures. So that I can present this to the Athletic Board at the proper time, will you again give me the percentage figures on both halls that you gave me when we were talking in Kansas City?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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NEW YORK CITY

April 4, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

On my return to New York I checked on the transportation costs between Kansas City and New York. The round trip rate rail fare is \$69.05. The pullman would be approximately \$15.00 round trip, or \$85.00 a person, which would total \$1275 for a party of fifteen. I presume that you will be away from the campus approximately six days, and on the basis of \$100 a day for your party - to cover meals and hotel accommodations - I would say that a total of \$1850 would be about the right estimate.

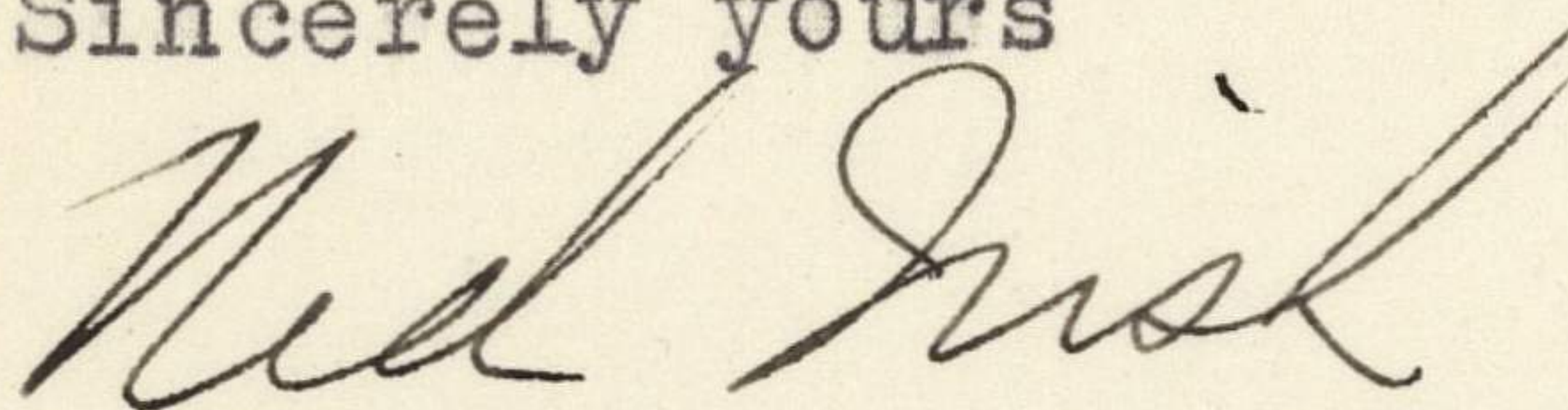
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This is a trifle more than Oklahoma Aggies and Oklahoma University or Missouri were reimbursed for their recent trips East.

If this figure seems a fair estimate to you of your probable expenses for the trip, I will be glad to pass the information along to Fordham and Temple, so that they can cover this amount in the agreements to be executed by them with Kansas. I would like to suggest that of the \$1850 total, \$1500 would be reimbursed you by Fordham for participation in basketball here and the balance of \$350 to be reimbursed to you by Temple.

If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, I will immediately communicate with Fordham and Temple, so that they have a clear understanding of this picture.

Sincerely yours



Director of Basketball
Madison Square Garden

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NEW YORK CITY

March 18, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

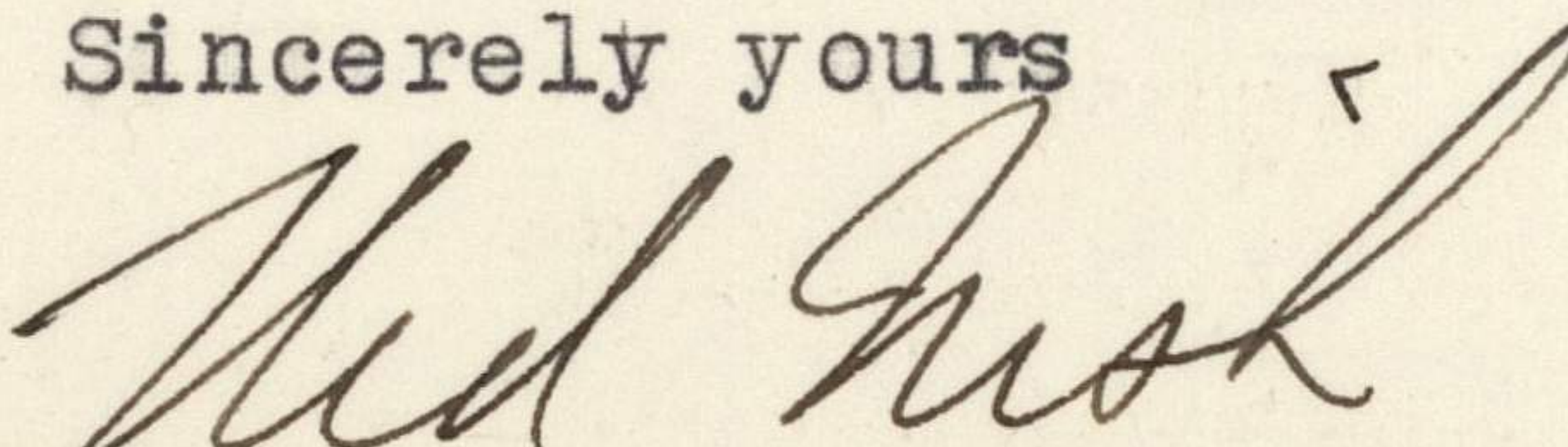
Dear Phog:

I have your note of March 2nd regarding the possibility of your discussing a trip for your team to New York. I expect to arrive in Kansas City the evening of March 28th and will stay at the Hotel Continental. I trust at this time you will be in a position to let me know definitely whether or not you are interested in such a trip,

As you probably know, Missouri ^{and Oklahoma in you and} played Fordham here last winter and also met Temple and St. Joseph's in Philadelphia at Convention Hall. At the present time Fordham University and St. John's University have an option on the Madison Square Garden court for a date in late December. Both schools, I understand, are negotiating with other institutions regarding games on that date, but it is my understanding neither has definitely committed itself to such a game. City College is also considering the possibility of scheduling Butler on December 26, but it is possible that this game could be played at a later date, since Indianapolis is just overnight from New York, in which event City College might also be interested in securing a game with your team.

If you would give me some idea as to whether any or all of these opponents would be satisfactory to you I could then be in a position to have these institutions get in touch with you. It is my understanding also that Ed Kelleher of Fordham, Joe Lapchick of St. John's and Nat Holman of City College will attend the meeting in Kansas City. I am not certain as to whether any of these individuals have complete authority in arranging their schedules, but I am sure if you were interested in any one of these teams and the proper authorities were aware of this fact in advance they would be in a position to negotiate dates and terms with you in Kansas City. For that reason, if it is possible for you to give me some of your ideas along this line before we leave here next Wednesday March 27th I feel sure it would be possible to complete arrangements at the Kansas City meeting.

Sincerely yours



Director of Basketball
Madison Square Garden

March 2, 1940.

Mr. Ned Irish,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 26th ultimo. I have been so absorbed in basketball games that I have not had an opportunity to write you before this. We are leaving for Creighton Sunday night, and then on Friday we play Oklahoma at Norman.

I appreciate your writing me as you did about bringing our team east. As you know, in the past we have not been permitted, by our Big Six Conference rule, to play in a public place such as Madison Square Garden. However, I am hoping that our conference "moguls" will become a little more lenient, as our team would like to play in New York. I would be very happy to talk to you about this at some time when it is convenient for us to get together, because I am interested.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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NEW YORK CITY

February 26, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

I have had several letters recently from coaches in your conference and others in your section and all seem to agree that your Kansas University team will be the outstanding team in the Big ~~S~~ next season. In view of this fact, I am wondering if you would be interested in bringing your team East. There are several possible dates that I could suggest, and if you are interested I could have the schools who have the option on the Garden court for these dates communicate directly with you regarding such a trip. City College of New York has the right to lease the Garden court on Thursday December 26th or on Monday December 30th. There is also a possibility that St. John's University, which has the right to the Garden court on Saturday December 21st, may not have concluded its negotiations regarding that date. Manhattan College, also a member of the I.C.A.A.A.A., has a tentative arrangement with Texas which I think hinges on the probability of that team winning in the Southwest Conference Championship. That date is Saturday December 28th. It is also possible, although I am not definitely sure of this yet, that New York University may not have closed for its opponent on Saturday, January 4th.

On any one of these dates it would probably be possible for me to have Temple in Philadelphia arrange to play you a night or two later in Convention Hall, which is a modern structure and has the same playing surface and conditions that surround our court in the Garden. St. Joseph's College and La Salle College also use this court as their home court for all major games. St. Joseph's is the team that defeated Missouri this year, although Missouri at the time of their trip here must have been much weaker than they are at the present writing.

As you know from our previous conversations, we do not make arrangements directly with the competing schools. The local team which leases the court would be responsible for the conduct of the game and for the financial arrangements. However, it is our custom to see that your transportation and hotel expenses from Lawrence, Kansas to New York and return would be completely underwritten by these two games. Kansas University would also receive 10% of the gate receipts after deducting your traveling expenses. The transportation of any other visiting team which plays in the Garden or Convention Hall on the same night, and the expenses of conducting this program in the Garden and Convention Hall limited to \$1500.00 in Madison Square Garden

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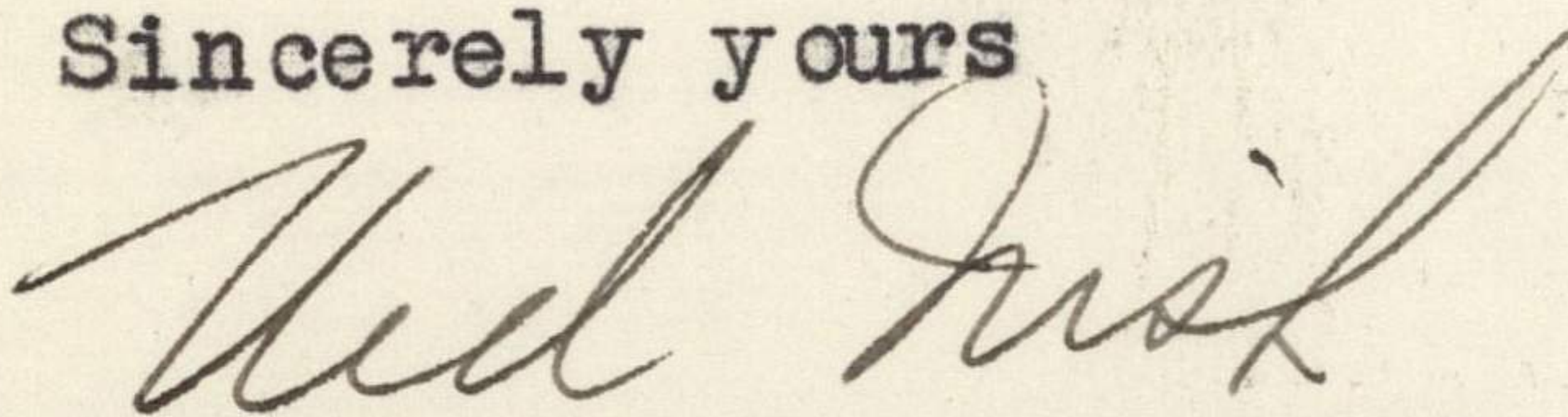
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and \$1000.00 in Convention Hall. The expenses such as tickets, officials, ticket takers and ticket sellers, cleaning the building, etc. generally exceed this figure, but it is the amount agreed upon by all the parties who make use of these courts.

I would appreciate an early response from you, since as you may have noted in this letter negotiations by the local schools in many cases have already been started with other institutions, and if there is a possibility that you would be interested in a trip here I would rather see a Big ~~Six~~ team come in than three or four from the Western Conference.

Sincerely yours



Director of Basketball
Madison Square Garden

January 4, 1941

Mr. Stanley G. Waltz
General Manager
University of Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Waltz:

Our University of Kansas Basketball Team returned last night from their trip to the east. This morning when I came to my desk I received a very pleasant sensation from reading a carbon copy of your letter sent to our Chancellor Deane W. Malott. Prior to my reading this letter I received a call from our Director of Public Relations, Mr. K.W. Davidson, telling me that the Chancellor had called his attention to this letter, and he was in turn informing others. This made me very happy.

The fact that you wrote this letter entirely unsolicited and without my knowledge deeply gratifies me.

The morning that our team left, your very affable man in charge of the cafeteria called me over and said, "May I say something to you?" I said, "Yes, indeed Sir." At the same time I feared that something had gone wrong and that maybe one of our boys had gotten out of line over something, but much to my surprise and elation this young man said, "I want you to know that this is the finest group of boys that has ever visited the Michigan Union, and we see a lot of them here." I said to this young man, "This makes me very happy."

When the boys got on the train I called them together and called attention to the fact that teams from all over the United States stop at the Michigan Union, and apparently there was no motive other than to tell us that by contrast we were a group of fellows just merely behaving ourselves. To me it is a sad commentary on sports when a group of fellows representing colleges of America think themselves so privileged that they can destroy property and act like rowdies.

The mere fact that we were ordinary gentlemen called forth unusual praise for just being decent; therefore, I told the boys that I wanted them to know that I was very proud of them, but the great benefit from such a compliment went to the University of Kansas.

And so, Mr. Waltz, it is very generous of you to write the letter to our Chancellor. Such acts as yours are constructive because this afternoon when I meet the boys in a conference I shall read them your letter, and I am sure that you will make them feel that it is very worthwhile to be gentlemen.

With deep appreciation and wishing you a Very Prosperous and Happy New Year,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: K.W. Davidson

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STANLEY G. WALTZ
GENERAL MANAGER

December 27, 1940.

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Mr. Allen:

The enclosed copy of my letter to Dr. Malott is, I believe, self-explanatory. While I presume you will feel inclined to pass most of this credit on to your boys, I have the firm conviction that you are far more responsible for their behavior than any other one person. So often we have visiting athletic teams staying with us whose coaches have no sense of responsibility and in fact, act worse than many members of their squad. While without question you are to be commended upon your fine basketball teams, the thing that is much more outstanding to me is that you are teaching your boys character.

Sincerely yours,

S. G. Waltz

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December 27, 1940.

Dr. Deane W. Malott, Chancellor
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Malott:

This letter may seem a bit unusual to you, but the circumstances prompting it are in my mind considerably out of the ordinary.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Director F. C. Allen and his basketball squad enroute to the East. This particular phase of the situation is certainly not unusual because during the year many athletic teams ranging from Y. M. C. A. squads to those of the Big Ten Conference stay at the Michigan Union. The angle that I wish to comment upon is this. During the many years that I have been associated with the Michigan Union, I have never come in contact with a finer group of boys. It has been our experience that visiting athletic teams are the greatest souvenir hunters in the world. So often we find it necessary to check through their luggage before they leave the building and frequently we have to write to the coaches or athletic directors and ask for the return of articles which have been picked up.

The boys from your university were extremely courteous, very well behaved and when they checked out in the morning every towel was neatly folded and left at the bottom of each bed. The bathroom and showers were not in disorder; in fact, another team could almost have stepped into the room without any cleaning or maid service.

It is my observation that college students are very apt to adopt the qualities, good or bad, which their

leaders may possess. I feel that Mr. Allen is doing something of far greater value than teaching your students how to play basketball. My congratulations to you and best wishes to him.

Sincerely yours,

General Manager

SGWaltz W

December 30, 1940

Mr. S.G. Waltz
General Manager
University of Michigan Union
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Waltz:

Your letter of December 27 to
Dr. Allen, enclosing a letter you wrote to
Chancellor Malott, has been received.

Dr. Allen returns to the office
about January 4; your letter will be brought
to his attention then.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

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