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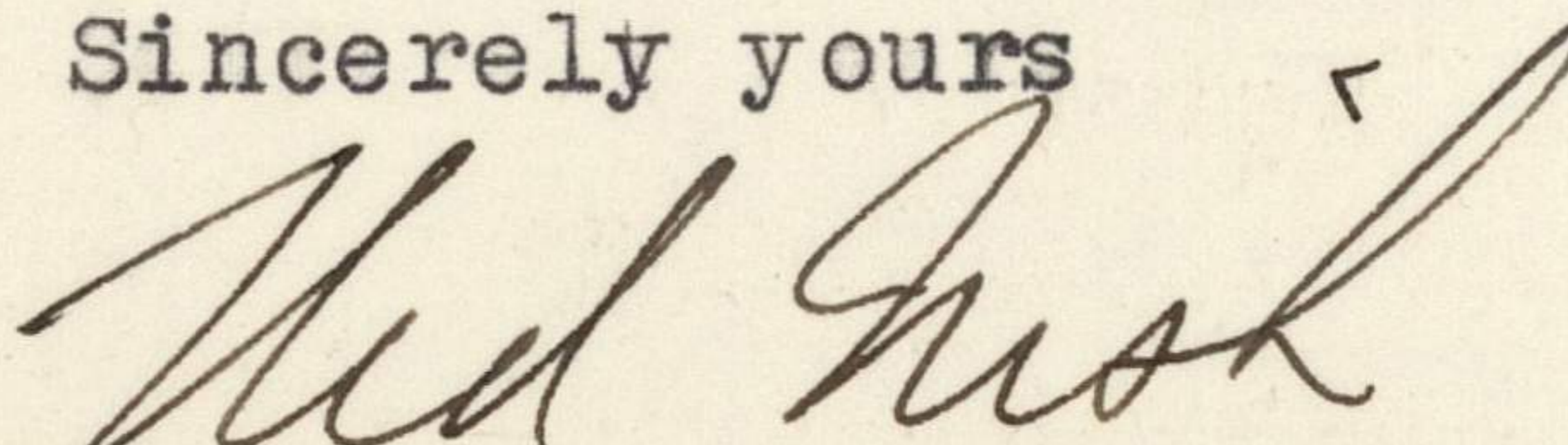
Dear Phog:

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



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