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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