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Mr. See Taylor,
Sports Editor,
Des Moines Register-Tribune,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear See:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter that I have written to Eddie Hickey and to Hal Middlesworth, and also a short note to Henry Iba. I saw in your column a few weeks ago - maybe it was a couple of months ago - where I had been given credit for some unfriendly attitude toward the Missouri Valley Conference, or either Creighton or Oklahoma Aggies.

I want to assure you that such is not the fact. While I was a representative of the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A. I tried by every fair means to give the Missouri Valley the fairest representation that they could have. I still hold to that opinion because I have never received any discourtesy from any coach or member of the Missouri Valley Conference. I have a very high personal regard and friendship for Artie Eilers and I have nothing but admiration and friendship for the coaches and athletic directors in that conference. They have always been very fair to me.

In fact, you might recall that when the Big Six withdrew from the Missouri Valley Conference I opposed vehemently the action, saying that it was not only unsportsmanlike but rather cowardly for athletic directors and faculty representatives to meet in a clandestine way and withdraw from their membership of long standing. I subjected myself to such personal ridicule and criticisms that I understand some of the members considered dropping Kansas from the membership.

Personally, I would not want you to publish any of this because it would only open old wounds, but if you have any doubt of it ask Nelson Metcalf, Chet Brewer or Herb Gates. I called a spade a spade, and called some of these fellows so-and-so. So I just want to set you right, See.

You have always been a fine friend of mine and I cherish most highly the confidences that we have exchanged many, many times. Please remember me most kindly to my good friend, Bert McGrane.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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