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Mr. Sec Taylor, Sports Editor,
The Des Moines Register and Tribune,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sec:

Thanks for your good letter of April 22nd. I was quite sure that you had never said anything unfriendly to me because I consider you one of my very best friends and I have always endeavored to keep your respect as well as your friendship.

The way it was reported to me by one of your readers was that it was inferred that I was unfriendly to Creighton and the Missouri Valley. Your letter clears that up entirely and I am very thankful to you for it.

On the other hand, I have been very friendly to the Missouri Valley Conference because I have always felt that the Big Six did not give them a fair deal. And knowing of the resentment that would cause among the Missouri Valley, I was afraid that I had been included by the Missouri Valley in the category of unfriendly people. I have always gone out of my way to do every favor that it was possible for me to do for any of the schools of the Missouri Valley. That is why I have played them at almost every invitation when I could have very easily passed them up.

The point that I made to the Big Six moguls at that meeting at the Hyde Park Hotel in Kansas City was that Washington University was as fine an academic institution as any school in Missouri and that Oklahoma A. & M. was an agriculture college and we needed another school in Oklahoma to balance the schedule. And since we had Iowa State and Kansas State, two state agriculture colleges, I thought it was a fine addition. I also pointed out that Drake had her Relays and since it was a college in a big city and a friendly institution that we should show appreciation for their many years of fine service.

Thanks, Sec, for your good letter.

With all good wishes to your good family and yourself,

I am

Sincerely yours,

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