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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Fred,

I have your nice letter, and I assure you I enjoyed giving the luncheon. It is a pleasure to support the University, our fine Chancellor, and the great secretary of the Alumni Association.

I have the names of the Committee appointed by President Paul Endacott, and I am going to see that some of the men who have discussed it with me have an opportunity to express their opinion, but after all, Fred, I am sure that you will have no trouble in getting the Board to do anything that you think is good business.

I shall follow your suggestion and write George Nettels and find out if he will accept an appointment to the Athletic Board, and it is my opinion that he will because having known George for more than twenty years, I have always found him willing to give of himself to K. U., and it is my opinion from the present predicament of football at the University of Kansas, that his good judgment will contribute to getting you out of a bad spot. Let me say again, as I said at the luncheon, I know of no K. U. athlete who is better informed on football, few of them are as successful in business and none of them are more enthusiastic about K. U. than George Nettels. And I think it is a first class crime if he isn't retained on the Athletic Board. And as I said to the Chancellor, confidentially, I think that the University of Kansas can thank George Nettels for keeping the Board's feet on the ground in some trying times a couple of years ago. There is nothing at the University of Kansas that I desire except to see the University succeed, and I definitely feel that you better keep men like Nettels interested if you are every going to put athletics where they belong.

It was awfully nice to see you and I wish I could be down at Lawrence more often. We certainly enjoy the Alumni magazine and Doc Allen's basketball team has improved the alumni morale considerably among the men I meet.

Thanks and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

P. S. If I haven't made myself clear, I want George Nettels on the Athletic Board, ha-ha. W.V.W.

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