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Dear "Phog":

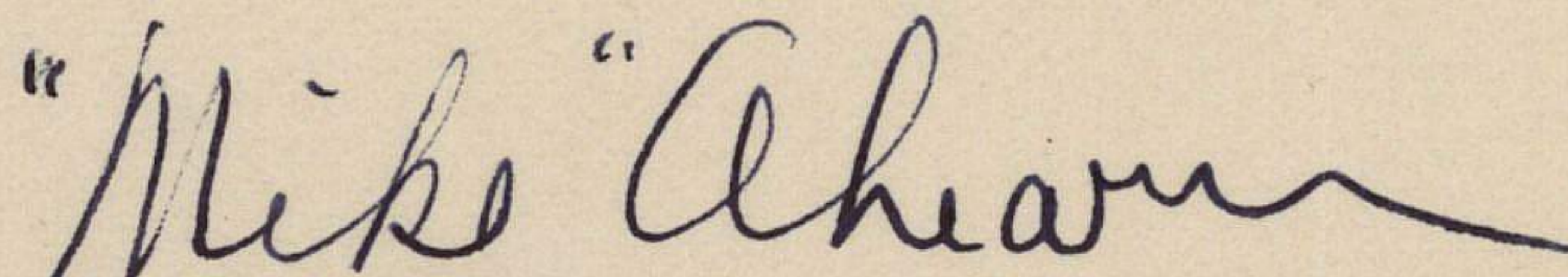
Your letter suggesting that we hold a meeting of the basketball coaches plus "Jap" Haskell and Bruce Drake has been received. As you have already indicated in your newspaper comments, it arrived after I had mailed my answer in the Tucker case to "Jap" Haskell.

However, I am certain that you, through your long experience as a director of athletics, know that I do not have the authority to call such a meeting because the subject matter is of a legislative nature. Apparently, it is difficult, and perhaps rightly so, for one to secure concrete evidence of subsidization of athletes by members of any Conference. Rumors fly thick and fast, and one may have his own opinions regarding the actions of certain schools, but it is quite another thing to prove guilt in a case. I believe that my contention is supported by the fact that newspapers quote Oklahoma authorities as furnishing proof that Lester Layton is not being paid by the Boston Red Sox, but has been legitimately working his way through school.

In the morning paper they also maintain that they are entirely innocent on the charge that they are paying the expenses of the boys from Wichita High School.

I appreciated receiving the information contained in your letter, but as previously stated, I have no authority vested in me to call such a meeting as you suggest, because such a meeting is handled by the Faculty Representatives of the Big Six Conference.

Very sincerely yours,


M. F. Ahearn,
Director

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