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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your very good letter. Yes, Mike, I knew through my knowledge of the rules and the experience that I had gained here as Director of Athletics that you of yourself could not do the things that I asked. But I was hoping that you would ask Dr. King to consider the matter.

I know that it would be illegal, but I thought since Oklahoma had been so definitely illegal and then had endeavored to smoke screen the issue, that maybe someone might want to call their hand. I certainly would if I could have an opportunity to do so. I am not a policeman nor do I desire to persecute anyone, but this Lester Layton case is not ended yet. Nor is the action back of transporting those ten boys to Oklahoma U. over yet. I will endeavor to lay before the conference some information that I think will be rather surprising, and if the conference desires to do nothing about it, then well and good.

Frankly, there are too many yes men in the country and again, there are too many fellows who think the other fellow has got something on them and they are afraid to speak their minds. I felt that since Oklahoma has cast aspersions on the University of Kansas and had insinuated that her basketball coach had made some startling offers to Mr. Tucker, then and there I wanted to call their hand, and I still do. I have never seen you afraid of anybody and I do not think that situation will ever exist.

If dirty linen must be dragged out of the closet to clean some things up, then I have no hesitancy in doing the unsavory job. In my humble opinion, Oklahoma has been in very much the position of Japan when they marched into Manchuko and of Hitler when he marched into the Ruhr Valley. It seems as if