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DEAR PHOG,

THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR DOPE.

I AM SORRY ABOUT THE ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS. YOU SEE, SOMETIMES I GET MATERIAL FROM SPORTS COLUMNS IN THE REGION AND FROM NOW ON WILL NOT RELY ON THEM. ONE COLUMNIST, WHOM I REGARDED AS "IN THE KNOW," ONCE SAID THAT YOU TACKED A CLIPPING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AFTER THE OKLAHOMA GAME AT LAWRENCE IN WHICH DRAKE SAID TUCKER WAS A GREATER PLAYER THAN BLACK. I THOUGHT IF THIS WERE TRUE, THE CLIPPING APPARENTLY WAS PUT THERE FOR A PURPOSE, A PSYCHOLOGICAL PURPOSE.

I AGREE WITH YOU THAT ANY ATHLETE WHO ACTED LIKE TUCKER DID IN YOUR NORMAN GAME IS NOT "GREAT." BUT, PHOG, I DID NOT SAY YOU SAID HE WAS GREAT. DON'T YOU THINK HE'S A "GOOD" PLAYER? THAT'S WHAT I SAID, ACTUALLY.

HOWEVER, THOSE QUOTES, WHICH I THOUGHT HARMLESS, WERE MINE, AND I'M SORRY. I ALSO CAN SEE HOW THE STORY COULD BE MISCONSTRUED TO IMPLY THAT YOU THOUGHT TUCKER GREAT. ~~***~~ I'M SORRY IT WAS NOT CLEARER.

I HOPE THAT THE "ERRONEOUS STATEMENTS" ARE NOT AS CONSISTENTLY MADE AS YOUR LETTER INFERRED.

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