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Dear Phog:

Well, after the slammings of the various sports critics I still insist my observations of the game were correct. I'm sorry we had to rush from Stillwater, but you know how it is to get out of that town. Saw you and the fine boys from across the bench, and don't mind telling you I'm still proud of that Kansas team.

As for Iba's charge that he covered Bob, that's a lot of hooey. At the half I went to Parke Carroll and Larson complaining against the close contact. I realize that they called a lot of fouls on the Aggies for such close guarding, but to me that isn't basketball. I may be more or less a hero worshipper, and I'm proud to be one, but that exhibition of disgusting play wasn't to my liking. Frankly, Engleman was at his best. He got four shots at the basket, and two were good, I believe the officials were correct in calling back one, but the other was as bona fide goal as you, or any other person, shall ever see.

I don't know Howard other than to speak to him, but some time when you get a chance tell him that he was truly a victim of a good defense plus a lot of abuse. Henry and myself remarked coming home from the game that good officiating would have stopped a lot of that. You will recall me telling you that I consider Larson a poor official. I have written him in the same vein. Not in the spirit of berating him, but rather with the idea that he should improve. Furthermore, I explained to him that you were very much in favor of his good snap judgment.

As for Iba's explaining to the press about his stopping Bob, I still say phooey. Bob had the ball plenty and you can see from accompanying writeup that I appreciated his play. More than that, Bob was the smartest man on the floor that night. As a coach, you perhaps may not notice the things we in the press box see. No less than fifteen times during the time Howard played he was fouled without the infraction being called. I doubt if the boy will tell you this, but as a student of the game for a long time I'll tell you that it happened. I know that no two officials can see 'em all. But time and again out-of-bounds plays were given to the Aggies on too many steps. That, I sincerely believe, is being a bit too technical when clubs are keyed up.