Dear Phog:-

It's been a long time since we have written each other, but this time I have really good news--for me, that is--that I would like you to regard as confidential.

It's this: - unless something arises to make it impossible, I shall be leaving here on December 20 for the States by Pan American for a six-week leave, my first time out of South America since I arrived in Buenos Aires on November I3, I935. Four years "in" is an awfully long time, believe me, and I shall be really glad to get out.

The reason I want you to treat that as confidential is that I have learned through witter experience that nothing is "on" down here until it actually comes off. I can only hope that nothing arises to make it impossible for me to leave but anything can happen, and generally does. I would hate to have any of my friends hear I was coming back and then not get back. I am sure you'll see how that is.

Well, the reason for writing, in the main place, is to ask a big favor of you. I plan to leave New Orleans, where my Mother now is Williams living, for Kansas City about January IO, and arriving back in New Orleans about January 25. That would give me two weeks, and during that time I certainly want to see one of your Kansas teams play. At the same time. I would like to see if I could get as many of my old friends as possible to get down to Lawrence on the same night for a get-together, such as Bob Fegan, Rex Brack, etcetera. Now I think the best time for that would The a weekend. So I am going to ask you to put away for me two good reserved seat tickets for whatever games Mansas plays at Lawrence on weekends between January 10 and January 25. I don t know when exams start up there now. If you will be kind enough to write me by return airmail about this, then possibly I will know enough to make it definite before I leave here as to what game I can see. I will not be able to send you a dollar draft for the seats from here because of exchange control regulations, but I can send it immediately I hit New Orleans.

Will you let me know about this, Phog, as soon as possible, so I can straighten out the thing for you as soon as I know the Kansas home schedule and take a look at plane schedules?

I hope things are looking bright for you in basketball. How's it shape up, briefly put? Are there any of my lodge brothers on the team?

With my best personal regards to you and the Allen family.

Sincerely,

Alan Coogan.

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