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Dear "Phog":

Just a note to thank you for the opportunity of visiting with you in Denver. Being a native of Kansas, I have followed you since my early school days, and have naturally admired your coaching prowess. It was a distinct thrill to me to be able to meet you and discuss problems facing athletics with one of such wide experience. I heartily agree with you that we cannot solve these problems by refusing to admit that there are problems.

We must do some constructive thing if we are to save athletics for the youth of the nation. There is no doubt in my mind that gambling is a major problem. It has already placed a stigma upon college athletics and I feel that if something is not done to protect college athletics from future encroachment, we will lose the respect of sportsmen and the public in general. I sincerely hope that we may be able to have athletic relationships sometime in the near future. Naturally, it would be an honor to play a team as high in basketball circles as Kansas University, but at the same time it would be no disgrace to lose to one of your fine teams. If there is a possibility that we might fit into your schedule in inter-sectional play, we would appreciate it if you would contact us.

Again, thanks for the privilege of knowing you better.  
My kindest personal regards to you and your school.....

Sincerely,



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