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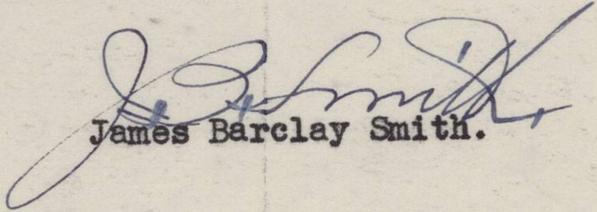
Dear Dr. Allen:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the copies of the correspondence enclosed in your letter of the third of September. I am distressed, however, by the dilemma presented by the resulting choice. The honor and distinction offered to me by the opportunity to serve on the proposed new Senate Committee on Physical Welfare and Recreation is not one to be lightly put aside. I deeply appreciate the proposed offer so what follows is said with much difficulty.

A deep sense of fair play and proper appreciation of the position of the several departments of the University operating, each in its own field, for the whole family, causes me to conclude that the proposal overlooks a fundamental point. When the present committee for which the proposed new one is to be substituted was created the organization of the University was not the same as at present. Now we have a separately organized department in which training is done toward a special degree. I can see no more reason for a committee which must dominate that department's policy and conduct than a similar committee over the other separate departments of the University. The new department is the Department of Physical Education. No one proposes such a general committee domination of other departments and no reason is apparent to me why the Department of Physical Education should be differently treated by Senate Committee administration. This leads to the conclusion that the old committee should be discontinued and that the proposal should be abandoned.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,


James Barclay Smith.

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