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Mr. George Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Perhaps you do not get it, but I recall several years back when Kansas scheduled two games with the University of Southern California in Kansas City, your Mr. Shirkey protested Kansas playing there and came to Lawrence to meet our Professor Davis and Professor H. H. King of Kansas State to insist that Missouri, Kansas State, Kansas and Southern California play double-headers in Kansas City. This was done. Apparently the fact that with other Big Six teams playing together this act made the illegality legal.

Last year Kansas played Great Lakes in Kansas City. Outside of the Notre Dame-Great Lakes game in Chicago, our game netted the Great Lakes more money than they received from any other team. Kansas and Great Lakes divided the earnings equally last year.

Missouri's extended basketball trip to the West Coast probably precluded the possibility of playing Great Lakes last year. But if you wanted to play Great Lakes in Kansas City this year you possessed the same freedom as we in making necessary arrangements for the Auditorium.

It is still difficult for me to understand why someone from the outside should tell the host school what they should do concerning their own arrangements, and finally, with the disposition of their own money. Certainly neither I nor anyone else that I have had to do with at Kansas has ever dictated to Missouri how Missouri should conduct her own show.

I have no special desire to meet Missouri in Kansas City other than the fact that if Missouri desired to give all to the Navy Relief, Kansas would be more than willing to give the whole of such game earnings to this cause. But it would be out of the question to turn over our already estimated budgeted amount from Great Lakes because the University Athletic Association is counting on this money as a legitimate estimated income.

Missouri has had two lucrative football bowl games to stabilize their treasury, but Kansas must look elsewhere for their necessary income.