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February 12, 1945.

Mr. Art Edson,
Associated Press,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Art:

I have discontinued sending you the Jayhawk Rebounds for the reason that you are somewhat like Westbrook Pegler, only not as good in any line as he is. Your article: "Sample: Every month or so, F. C. 'Phog' Allen, Kansas basketball coach, composes his 'Jayhawk Rebounds'. They're like the great Phog himself, gabby, platitudinous -- and check 'full of news.'"

I wrote those letters for the boys and thought that although you were not human at times you could have been human enough to reflect the better things in the Rebounds. But I see you just haven't got it.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Platitudinous - abounding in platitudes

(platitudes - quality or state of being flat, dull, or insipid; triteness. A dull, stale, or insipid truism; a commonplace.)

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Gabble - To chatter; jabber.

Gabby - not in Webster.

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Dr. F. C. Allen Sends
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"Phog" Allen, Kansas basketball
coach, composes his "Jayhawk Re-
bounds." They're like the great
Phog himself, gabby, platitudinous
—and chock full of news.

Allen doesn't spare the type-
writer—or consider the newsprint
shortage. His last issue rambled
15 pages, single spaced. More than
two of the pages were devoted to
expressions of regret from Jay-
hawkers, scattered the world over,
who had just learned thru "Re-
bounds" that T. P. Hunter, quiet,
likeable Kansas center, had been
killed in action on Guam.

The names sprinkled thru the
"Rebounds" recall many an excit-
ing moment in Kansas, and Big
Six, history. Such as Don Ebling,
Howard Engleman, Otto Schnell-
bacher, Armand Dixon, Bert Itoga
and Cecil Smay, who did their Jay-
hawking a decade or more ago.

What Doctor Allen is doing at
Kansas is being duplicated in one
way or another on almost every
campus.

A line in a letter to Allen from
Irven W. Hayden, in India for more
than a year, probably sums up the
feelings of all servicemen. Wrote
Hayden of the "Rebounds":

"Just like a visit home."

H (y) H Gumpelman
US England - De 635
F.P.O. San Fran.



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Nov 18, 1944.

Dear Doc:

Happy Birthday. Sorry I can't send you a Jap skull or something but you will be fortunate to receive this birthday greeting by Xmas as it is. Going for a month or so without mail now seems to be the rule & not the exception. Can't tell you too much about what we are doing but as you probably have guessed it all concerns the Phillipines. The old England has been lucky so far but you never know when that next one will fall on you instead of the ship next abeam. Believe me these Japs aren't human beings.

I see we beat Nebraska finally. What a red letter day that must have been. I haven't received a letter from you for about 3 months so I'm expecting all the news when we do get mail. Since I've written you last the ship got today in Sydney & a chance to reorient ourselves to civilization. The necktie almost choked me & I got seasick walking on solid ground.

May Beth & son are doing fine I hope & so is mother & grand mother, I believe. Since seeing Sannemen

and Jim Baucus I've run into Bill Bevens' brother
& another Jayhawk named Harold Edwards. I
heard T.P. shot his last goal? Is that true? What
a shame. Enough eulogies can never be written about
that boy. Well Doc a lot has happened since we
all sat in the old "Shathaven Inn" Retreat in Pennsylv-
vania & listened to Roosevelt's first preside chat.
I'm afraid you were the only one there who realized
the seriousness of the moment. I can remember yet
Bob & John & I laughing & care free. Well we
know now.

I must write my wife now. It's pretty hard
to write cheery letters all the time but damn if
I'll bring any more worry & suffering to the loved
ones at home.

God bless you on your birthday Doc. May
you have many more & the privilege of influencing
another & better generation in those fine principles
that you instill in all your associates. Our love to
Mrs Allen & the family and the University.

Sincerely yours.

Rose.

Lt. (y.g). H. G. Engleman

Detachment of Patients

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90 P.M. San Francisco.

Mrs. Beulah Engleman
1003 South 2nd St.
Arkansas City, Kansas

B

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Dept of Physical Ed.

June 9, 1945

My Dear Mr. Allen,

I received your letter a few hours ago. I appreciate the sympathy you extended to me and the interest you have shown in Howard's welfare.

It was indeed a pleasure to receive a copy of your Jayhawk Rebounds. Howard has been writing me about those interesting, friendly letters you have been putting out each month. I am enclosing his new address by return mail so that he will not miss the next issue.

I can't thank you enough for placing my name on your mailing list. I know such a project requires endless time and effort but you will be rewarded by a lifetime of devotion from your "hops."

I am anxiously awaiting further details of Howard's injury. I shall pass any news or change of address promptly on to you

Sincerely yours

Mrs Beulah Engleman

June 10

Dear Doc;

Excuse my handwriting but try putting on a pair of boxing gloves and then write left handed & you'll see. I am now in the Hawaiian Islands in a swell modern hospital eating ice cream & drinking malts (They don't make you throw free throws for them either.)

Well Doc I thought for a while I was going to see ole T.P. but I guess my number wasn't on the ticket. We took a suicide off Okinawa May 8th which put me on the sidelines for a while to come. I can't tell you our casualties or damages other than that she is still afloat & will fight again.

I think I will be back in the states soon and if I get home I'll try to drop by & see you Doc. We missed the old "rebounds". I hope all the boys will be as lucky as I was Doc cause there's thousands of lives to be lost yet.

Give my regards to Mrs Allen, Bob & the whole family, also your larger family. I always think of you & the university synonymously.

As ever,

Rope

Lt (jg) H. G. Engleman U. S. N. R.
U. S. Naval Hosp. - S. O. Q. Navy #10.
F. P. O. San Francisco

Mrs. Beulah Engleman
1003 South 2nd St.
Arkansas City, Kansas

June 11th

Mr Forrest C Allen
Director of Phys. Ed.

Dear Mr Allen;

I just received a letter from Howard dated June 6th saying "Well, here I am in the Hawaiian Islands after a 3500 mile flight from the Marianas. This hospital is more modern than most in the States. I have a room and bath and get milk, icecream and newspapers. But mostly it is heaven because you dont have to worry about Jap planes."

His letter was short and he is still writing with his left hand. He has had no news of his ship nor has he had any mail from home. In closing he said "Im getting plenty salty with this left hand. Glad Im not from Newton, those guys never could shoot left handed"

I was glad for that little spark of humor. I hope this address reaches you before the next Rebounds is mailed to him. I know how much he will enjoy reading it while recuperating in the hospital.

Sincerely yours

Mrs Beulah Engleman

Hyp. Blugleman USNR
US Navy Hosp. Ward
Norman Okla

Aug 18, 1945

Dear Doctor,

A note to tell you how I enjoyed the visit with you. Talking to you a while is like seeing all the boys in person again. I'm sorry I caught you on such a busy day and that I was cramped for time myself but it won't be so long this time that we will be away.

Doc I forgot to tell you personally how grateful all the service men are for your tireless work in compiling the "Rebounds". An issue of that was like a hundred letters from home. I know how much time that took in your already overcrowded day. Your reward must be the knowledge that each letter was as deadly to the enemy as a bullet and to our boys as stimulating as a swig of glyco chiser (John Kline size)

Your generous offer to work ^{with} your Freshman when I can return to law school was indeed an unexpected and appreciated favor. Nothing would please me more. Outside of the financial aid which will be sorely needed it will allow me to be close to two of things I have always ^{loved} most, the university and basketball. Of course I will keep offer undisclosed until such time as I am discharged and able to take abode in Lawrence.

There are so many of the boys I wanted to talk to you about but maybe we can have a real reunion soon. Dont work too hard now, Doc. Even though you look younger every year, you should drop a half dozen of those Red Cross, Draft board & other extra curricula headaches.

Well thanks again for everything. Im awaiting your last Return with interest.

Sincerely,
Rope E.

DON EBLING

14 Oct. 1944

Dear Doc:

Received the latest "Jayhawk Rebounder" and again thank you very much for the latest news about fellow Jayhawkers. Doc, your letter concerning T.P. Hunter included not only your feelings but also all the men who were fortunate enough to know and have as a friend, "Old Tepe." It is hard to realize T.P. has made the sacrifice. Doc, every day the list gets longer and it seems to show a steady trend; I guess until this thing ends the lists won't decrease. ~~We know one thing, it is up to us to make years to come void of wars.~~

Doc, I just heard that Bruce Voran was severely injured. If you should know anything about his condition or whereabouts would you drop me a card as I'd like to write him before I leave the states.

Doc, it has taken quite some time for the Navy to train me but I have enjoyed a nice long stretch of shore duty in the states. Marge and I have been most fortunate to have been together for such a long time. We only hope the training hasn't been for nil.

On the 16 Oct. 1944, I leave for Norfolk, Va., for five weeks training with the nucleus crew. Upon the completion of said task I report to Fore Rivers, Mass., to pick up the rest of the men at the commissioning detail and for permanent duty aboard the U.S.S. ALEX DIACHENKO, APD 123. Hence, I should be at sea before the first of the year.

I can't elaborate to great detail concerning APD duty, but I know the units have a remarkable reputation. I can assure you we will see plenty of action. It should be most interesting and exciting.

My official duty is combined
CIC - SONAR officer. However, my
classification will be a junior
officer so I will eventually
be general flunkie with the other
J. O. I'm rather happy and
excited over the ship. I've met
six of the officers aboard, but none
are from "Jayhawk" state. However,
I guess we can't hold that against
them.

I have heard from Pope once or
twice; also received a picture of his
wife and boy. He is hoping to be sent
back in the near future. I wish I
could pass information on about
some of the work his ship has
done. However, if you have some
navy friends at hand ask them
if they know anything about A/SW
Bulletins published this summer.??

I've seen a few football games
in the Orange bowl. So far
only service teams. Crowder, of
O.U., and Reese of Missouri played in
one game.

There is very little enthusiasm shown
in the contests. The men play as
though it is in a day's work (and
it is I guess.) Well, I assure you
I won't enjoy them until there is a
homecoming included.

Doc, I will be rather busy
until the ship sails so if you
don't hear from me remember I
need those letters on the Diachenko.
You should be putting forth those
first calls for men about now.
I wish I could be available.
Best of luck, Doc, for another
great season.

Please give Ole Sean the grip
and tell him I need a check
on my "sac" -

Marge and I send our
regards to all the Allens.
Sincerely,

Don.

P.S. Doc, if you have a new letter out
within the next 5 weeks, please send it
to 529 MAYCOX, NORFOLK, VA. We plan to be with
Paul Masoner & family quite often. Thanks.

February 13, 1945.

Lt. Ray R. Evans, O-587736,
242nd AAF BU,
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Dear Ray:

Please find enclosed a carbon copy of the letter that I wrote Bob Hendren. It was wonderful of you to be on the beam every second as expressed by the fact that you had a tear sheet of Bob in your letter and giving me additional information about him.

Gosh, Ray, you were swell that night. The boys admired you from the bottom of their hearts. Your modesty, your firm determination as expressed in your confident and easy carriage, and yet your quiet demeanor spoke volumes to them. You had authority in everything that you did. The boys will never forget their visit with you. Although they were broken-hearted over the game, you provided the solace that they so badly needed.

We certainly will be happy to hear from you so that we can put you on the next Rebounds list.

With every good wish to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

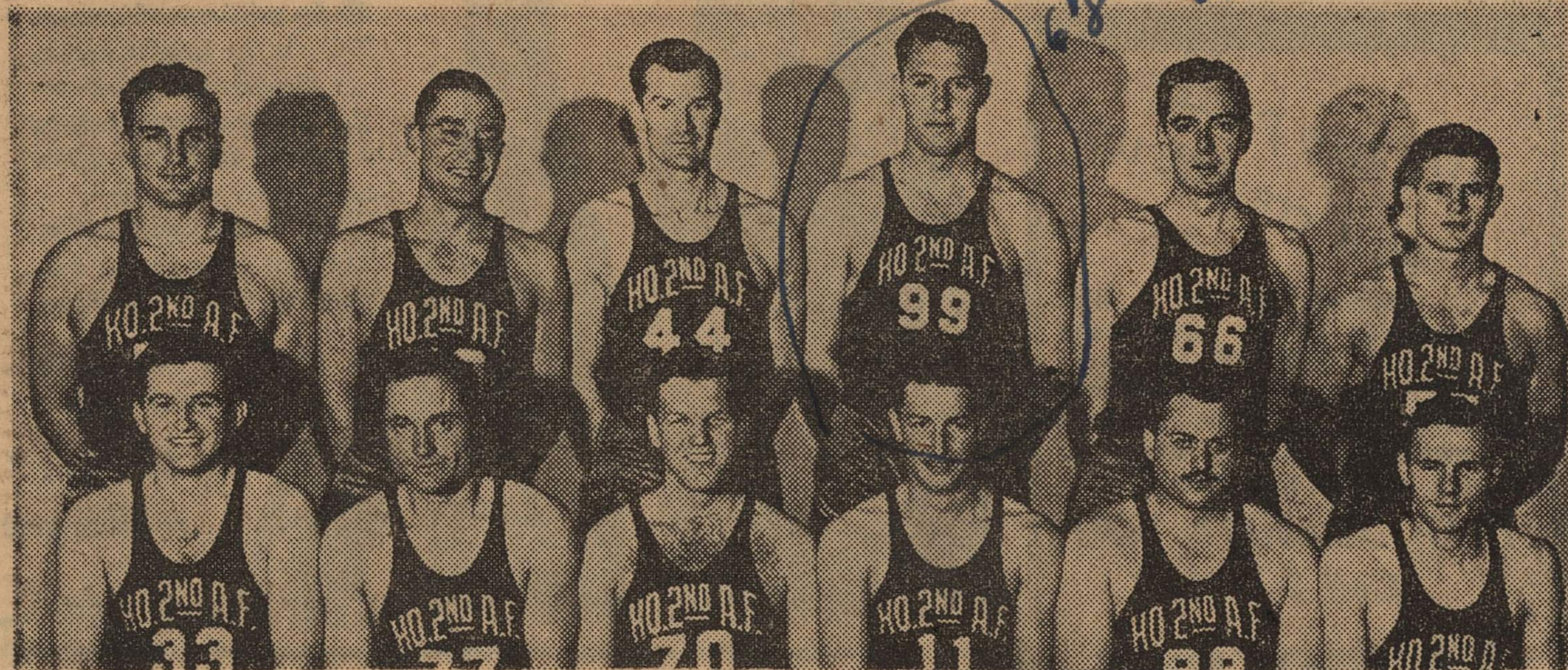
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Varsity Basketball Coach.

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 quarterfinals. Lexington trounced
 North Platte Bulldogs, 34-23, to
 take the consolation prize. The
 Bearcat victory over Lexington
 was the first defeat of the season
 for the Minute Men, who had won
 12 previous starts.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND AIR FORCE SUPERBOMBERS—Front row, left to right, Pvt. Jerry Fromm, forward; Sgt. Frank Dusek, guard; Cpl. Herb Marshange, forward; Pvt. Al Hand, forward-guard; W/O Pat Woolery, guard; W/O Tom Kleppe, guard. Back row, Capt. B. J. "Joe" Regan, coach and guard; Cpl. Bob Case, center; Lt. Fred Marsh, forward; Cpl. Bob Hendren, center; T/Sgt. Gordon Graham, forward-guard; Pfc. Max Biggs, forward.

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 a leap of 22 feet, 7 inches

Stenmark wins ski

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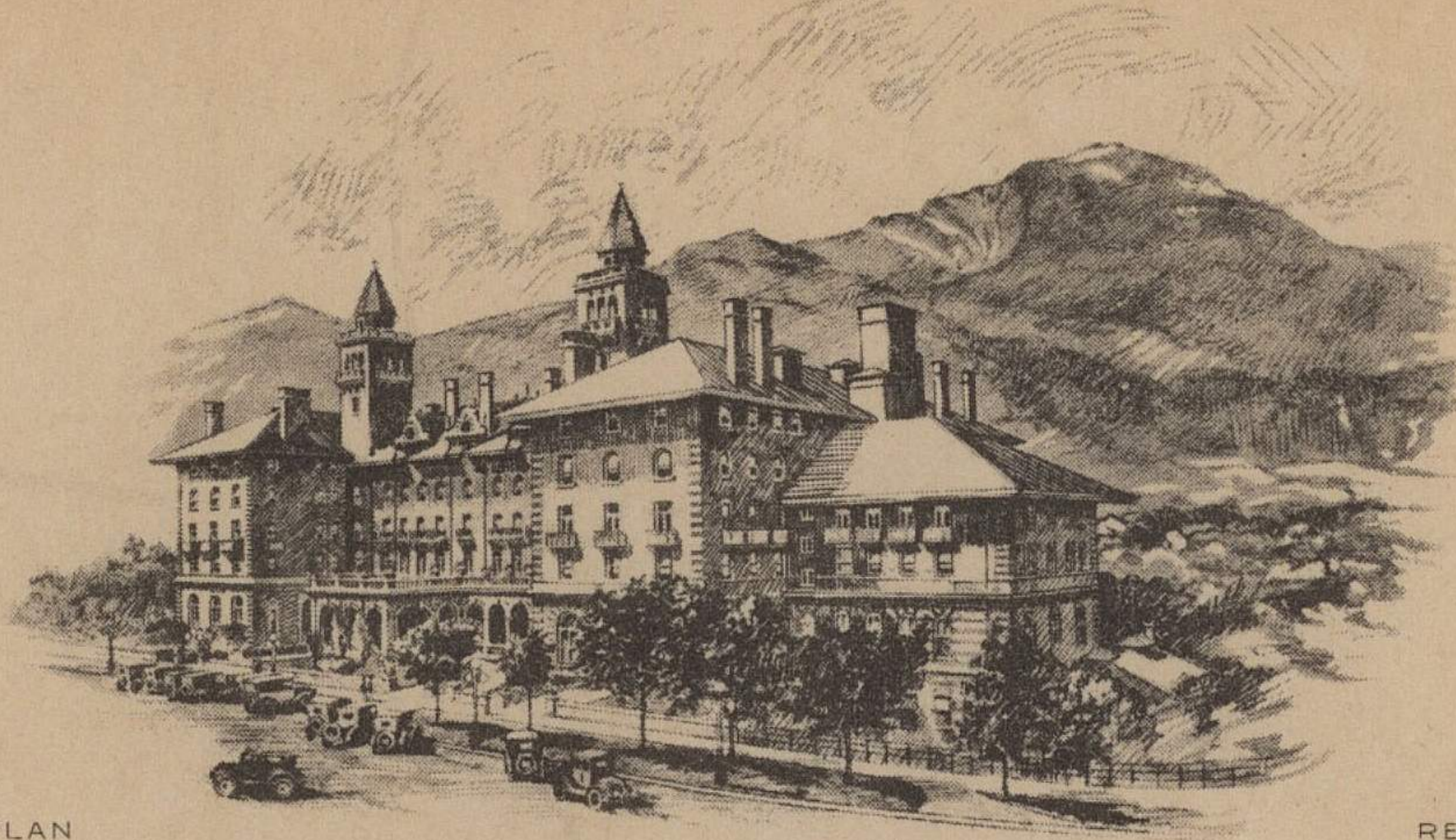
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Dear Dr. Allen -

Here is a picture of Bob Hendren that appeared in today's paper. This will give you a good idea of how big he is. And believe me, he certainly uses his height and weight to a great advantage.

I certainly enjoyed my visit with you and the rest of the boys. It's too bad you had to leave, but Nebraska was hot and out after you.

Give my regards to the boys. I will write as soon as I ^{am} located at my next assignment.

as ever,
Roy

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March 22, 1945.

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

Dear George:

I have never doubted for a second the sincerity in your desire to do a wholesome and complete job. Frankly, I did not expect you to take the time or the trouble that you have gone to with my comments.

Frankly, I did not care about raising the ire of certain members on that committee. I did not want it to reflect on you or Floyd Rowe or Hec Edmondson, - maybe I have missed someone else, - but as for the rest of them, it suits me fine.

I dare say that the rules committee will pay no attention to any of mine and to the majority of other suggestions. Let the committee accept the responsibility for making the game a rougher one by increasing the fouls from 4 to 5. They have played a good many years without the increase in number of fouls, and had they increased that from 4 to 5 in the beginning they would have just had five or six more rougher years.

My guess is that the committee will refuse to reduce the number from 5 to 4 because to do so would mean that a number of coaches would be forced to do a little more coaching in regard to some of the finer points of the game and maybe take out some of the slam-bang tactics that they now employ. Outside of a few members on the committee, I have always thought things were done to keep somebody good-natured rather than because logic dictated the action.

George, I wrote this Sammy Wolfe stuff that was from "Time" of February 12, on the gambling expose, because he was a race horse tout and discussed very unscientifically and unknowingly the game of basketball. Read it over again.

Personally, George, I don't care whether the rules committee ever change a rule or make another one. I was much interested when you said that there had been much work done on the 12 foot basket. John Bunn had a most exhaustive report on the 11 and 12 foot basket, and knowing Roy Munderff as I do, because I was down there at a coaching school and coached the South Georgia boys against his North Georgia boys, I would say that he didn't spend a lot of time on 12 foot basket research. I have had 12 foot baskets erected in Robinson Gymnasium for fifteen years and we use them constantly. I have tried them out from a great many

angles. I don't care whether they raise the baskets to 11 or $10\frac{1}{2}$ or lower them to 9 feet. I still feel, and will always reserve the right to say, that any group of rules members who will wangle all the rules they have regarding the offensive and defensive men on a 10 foot goal are not meeting the question straightforwardly.

Ed Hickox and I, when I was back at Springfield, put up a 12 ft. basket there, and without any of the players having shot at it before, they hit a 12 ft. basket without any difficulty in a regularly played game. The point that I am making is that I dare say there are not ten men in the United States that have ever tried any research with the 12 foot basket. That shows, to me, their closed mind, rather than an open mind.

And as I said, I hope the players get taller and taller, and I will have more fun as the height increases, and they still try to make rules like the 3-second rule, the defensive man being prohibited from touching the ball, and so forth.

But sincerely, I do want to congratulate you on your honesty of endeavor. You certainly work at this job. I am leaving for Emporia tonight and am to speak at Manhattan Friday night, but hope to see the games in Kansas City Saturday night.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
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March 16, 1945

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Phog:

Your communication regarding the Basketball rules entitled "They Are Confused" has just been received. I shall take it with me to the meeting next week and present it to the Committee for discussion. I have no doubt but that it will receive thorough and objective treatment in line with the policy the Committee.

In order that the ideas you presented will be made clear to all, and that I will be in position to answer questions I have made a digest of your material. Please check it and notify me if I have misquoted or misinterpreted. Here are the points as they will be presented unless you submit corrections.

1. The Basketball Rules are the underlying cause of confusion among players, officials and spectators. (no mention of coaches).
2. Modification of the center jump rule has resulted in:
 - (a) Continuation of the value of the excessively tall player despite contentions that it would eliminate such players from the game.
 - (b) Fire-wagon play with uncontrolled speed being rewarded and applauded more than orderly, skillful, and well planned maneuvers.
 - (c) Danger to the hearts of players and spectators with consequent increase of heart trouble. ?
3. Elimination of confusion and reduction of the disastrous effects of the center jump modification are assured by a regulation which will force an intermittent breathing spell.
4. The five foul rule is a confession of this need, but does not hit at the source of the trouble.
5. A necessary break in the continuity of play can be assured by application of the present Technical Foul regulations to Personal Fouls.
6. Adoption of No. 5, therefore, would:
 - (a) Eliminate confusion caused by the rules.
 - (b) Slow down play so that skill rather than uncontrolled speed would predominate.
 - (c) Reduce the danger of heart trouble.
 - (d) Dispense with the policing now required at the free throw lane.
 - (e) Lessen the value of skyscraper players by preventing tip-ins on missed free throws.
 - (f) Dispense with the option of substituting an out-of-bounds play.
 - (g) Make unnecessary and unwise a deliberate foul near the game's close.

7. All jump ball situations should be held at the nearest restraining circle in the interest of uniformity and ease of administration.

8. A future progressive Committee will elevate the basket and thus nullify the present advantages enjoyed by the tall player.

9. The present goal tending rule is discriminatory in that it hinders the tall man on defense but offers no similar hindrance to him on offense.

10. Most of the research by coaches has been a search for skyscraper players for use under horse-and-buggy ten-foot baskets.

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You can rest assured that these points will be presented to the Committee exactly as outlined or as corrected by you. I anticipate that I will be called upon to uphold your beliefs or to state specifically my reasons for objections.

It appears most fair to you, then, that I cover briefly my own personal reactions to your suggestions so that if my logic is poor you will have the opportunity to straighten me out, or at least you will know my reasons for supporting or rejecting your proposals. Each issue raised in your article is referred to in my discussion according to the numbers assigned to the items in the outline above.

1. I will agree with your stand that the rules cause confusion. I must add, though, that I have never heard of any set of regulations which have not caused confusion. The question, then, as I see it concerns the degree of confusion caused by the present rules. On this point I believe that less confusion in regard to the meaning of the rules exists today than ever before. That is an opinion I cannot prove to your satisfaction anymore than you can convince me that confusion has been growing.

2 (a) With you I was present and participated in the discussions leading to the modification of the center jump. You state that its adherents promised elimination of the tall man from the game. I don't recall any such promise, but remember that it was thought the modification would "reduce the importance" of the tall player. If we think the present crop of giants already have too much advantage just imagine returning to them the certainty of tip recovery on the center jump after every score. The rule has lived up to its promise of reduction of value of the tall men.

2 (b) Fire wagon basketball with its speed that your term "dazzling and reckless" appears to me to be a matter of coaching more than rules. The McPherson Oilers employed the fire wagon play in the old days as did numerous other teams. The slow, deliberate, precise attack is still possible if a coach wants to teach it as Bruce Drake did for his second game with Iba's team this past season. Without radically altering the game I don't see how the rules can be changed to dictate to coaches what methods are to be used. Certainly I don't see how applying your proposal will have much effect.

2 (c) Such scientific research studies as I have seen do not bear out your assertion that basketball develops heart trouble in a previously sound heart. Time Magazine reported an opinion which has no basis in fact.

3, 5, and 6. Your belief that a brief interval following a score would be helpful to the game finds support here. However, my reasons do not parallel yours. I believe it would be worthwhile solely because of its dramatic effect in that it will allow everyone a time to appreciate the making of a score just as a good comedian pauses long enough to let his joke register. Such a pause could be obtained by allowing possession in all cases as the present rules provide, but carry the ball to the center sideline for the pass-in instead from the end line under the basket.

Your suggestion that all free throws follow the technical foul procedure, I am sure, will be met by vigorous objection because it adds a lot to the penalty for a foul by giving not only a chance for the point but definite ball possession to the offended team. The majority, I think, feel that the present punishment of a chance for the point plus the record against the offender is sufficient punishment for a foul.

Perhaps your idea might be incorporated along this line, though. How about using the technical foul regulation when a personal foul has been punished by two free throws?

Also, don't you think that the argument that your proposal is good because it prevents tip-ins following missed free throws would be countered by fact that most of the fouls are called on the guard of the tall man. I recall that Kurland, for instance, was fouled approximately 17 times by Oklahoma. To give the Aggies ball possession whether he made or missed the free throw certainly would have been welcomed by the tall man.

4. The five personal fouls allowed this year was not a confession that the game has become confusing. The reason stressed concerned the additional playing time made possible by modification of the center jump. Under the old jump rules the ball was in play from 20 to 24 minutes. Four fouls thus had a relationship to the playing time of 1 to 5 or 6. Without the jump playing time was increased to about 30 minutes. Thus, five fouls establishes the same time relationship that prevailed previously.

Recently there has been an unfavorable reaction against five fouls. The Questionnaire Committee has called for a statistical study and will probably revote on that rule. Returns from this area indicate a vast majority favoring the five fouls, and I feel obligated to support it.

7. The adoption of uniform jumping situations was tried in K.C. while I coached at Westport, and again in the Big Six. It met with favor in this area but other sections outvoted us. I have presented it every year, and last year obtained the agreement to have it on the questionnaire. I will urge its adoption.

9. Naturally you arouse the ire of all members when you infer that lack of "progressiveness" of the present group prevents elevation of the basket. Adherents of a higher basket have submitted only unproved and untried theories to substantiate their contentions. Opposed to them is one scientific test made by Roy Mundorff that a 12 foot basket reduces scoring accuracy by approximately 30%, and practically eliminates the running lay-in close shot.

Progress, as I understand it, is a movement or action leading to improvement. In common with the vast majority of coaches I don't feel that

reduction of scoring is an improvement. Those who wish a higher basket insist that it will equalize the height advantage enjoyed by the tall man; that it will relieve under-basket congestion by causing longer rebounds; that it will stop goal tending and dunking; that shooters will soon adjust to the change and will score readily enough to maintain proper balance between defensive and offensive play. They say, however, that this should apply only to mature players and that high school or college intramural players will definitely find the 12 foot basket a handicap to their play.

Opponents counter with the definite proof that scoring will drop off 30%; that the distance of rebounds is more dependent upon the angle of deflection than on the height of the basket; that goal tending and dunking are now adequately controlled by the rules; that it is unsound to make a change which affects thousands in order to restrict possibly 100 players; that all courts must be prepared for both 12 foot and 10 foot baskets which, aside from the cost, would necessitate adjustable backstops which have been unsatisfactory in all past experience.

Standing between these two groups is the Rules Committee which in an approved democratic procedure calls for votes. Those who believe the present height should not be changed outvote the others by hundreds to one. When and if a czar is given control of athletics, and when dictatorship rules this country we may have a "progressive" committee that will override the wishes of the majority, but in the meantime I will side with the group that holds on to a basket elevation under which a comparatively new game has enjoyed phenomenal growth in popularity.

I will remain opposed to a higher basket, whether or not I am on the Rules Committee, until adherents of the change show statistical proof in the form of thousands of shots taken from a large number of angles and distances by players of a variety of degree of experience, and then amplify this by records taken in a number of games. When such accurately and objectively collected data indicates that a higher basket is an improvement I'll change my support.

9. The present goal tending rule perhaps is discriminatory as you stated. When the change was discussed, though, the only problem presented concerned the defensive actions of the tall men. No objection was raised concerning scoring activities of the tall man since Rule 9, section 9 requires that the hand must be away from the ball when the ball reaches the imaginary cylinder above the basket. Dunking, therefore, when strictly defined is penalized by the rule.

That the taller man should be required to throw the ball still further, at least on pivot turn shots, now appears to be demanded although it was not mentioned as a evil last year. The most prominent suggestion along this line appears to be Hobson's experiment with 12 foot lanes.

10. Your statement that coaches have quit reseach in favor of a search for tall men describes a situation which is not new in basketball. When Dr. Naismith invented a game with elevated goals he placed a premium on height. Other things being equal every coach has attempted to find or to develop the skill of tall players. Two ways to nullify this advantage are (1) place a height limit on team members similar to that done for the cancelled 1940 Olympics; or (2) lower the basket to about 5 feet so all can reach it.

This is one of many letters I have written to coaches who have made proposals, and is in line with my plan to act as a delegate and representative of them in this area. I desire to be informed of the wishes of the majority on all points open for argument and these wishes dictate the vote I cast when the topic comes before the Committee.

Press of other duties made it necessary to prepare this letter in installments. Strenuous efforts have been made to keep it organized and to avoid sarcasm or any statements arousing animosity. If I have written anything in a way as to give you offense I wish to apologize. My sole objective has been to analyze your ideas as well as I could, and to put my reactions to them down on paper.

Hope to see you at the NCAA games in Kansas City next ~~th~~is week.

Yours truly,

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