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Memorandum for George Edwards

I have read with interest Dr. Allen's letter of February 23.

Needless to say, neither I nor the University Auditor would have signed the game statement which was sent to the University of Kansas in 1939 unless it represented a true and accurate report of the attendance. The point that Dr. Allen made about the conversation with a workman is too ridiculous to take seriously. Either Dr. Allen's player had a dream or one of our workmen did a plain and fancy job of stuffing him.

I should think that Dr. Allen would hesitate to bring up the matter of complimentary tickets issued contrary to the rules of the Big Six Conference. As you know, our first game with Kansas in 1939 was played in Lawrence on January 18. Their game statement shows a total crowd of 3031 of which 657 or 21.6% were complimentary. These 657 complimentary tickets were broken down as follows:

Board of Regents	9
President	5
Governor	7
Athletic Board	28
Coaches	34
Letter Men	155
Press Reserved	22
Varsity Squad	48
Freshman Squad	30
Miscellaneous	37
Press Working	12
<u>Legislators</u>	270

If you would care to examine them, I can show you other Kansas game statements, prepared while Dr. Allen was Director of Athletics, that show a high percentage of complimentary tickets many of which were not authorized by conference rules. For instance, the statement of 1930 shows 506 complimentary tickets to "newspaper reporters, state officials, legislators, university officials and employees, university letter men etc." The 1931 statement shows 539 complimentary tickets of which 102 were issued to the Governor, and 15 to the President. The corresponding