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Such a plan, if feasible, should cover the whole field, save time, and still permit detailed discussion of those experiments which appear to be most interesting and important. Your reaction to this idea is requested.

Whatever type of committee report is prepared it will be necessary for you to help me with it by passing on either the results of experiments, or by sending me the sources of data. In addition I will contact Mr. Porter and the members of my committee.

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By the way, have you <sup>noted</sup> how officials gradually are letting teams take more than 30 seconds in making substitutions without charging a time-out. The rule is specific, I think, and calls for play to be resumed in 30 seconds after a substitute reports to the referee. That time limit does not permit a team to hold an extended debate as to defensive assignments nor to huddle and give a pep rally while opponents are ready to play. The situation has arisen six times in our games, and will become more acute if not checked.

And one other type of laxity I resent. While the new rule permits any player to address the official, I feel sure the change was never intended to let down the sportsmanship bars. In both our Washington and Oklahoma games players were guilty of loud protests to the officials and assumed pugnacious attitudes without being punished. One bad apple will ruin the barrel full, and unless we take a stand I fear the practice will become as common as it is in professional baseball.

I intend to bring up these matters at our next meeting.

In the meantime, I hope all of your players go blind and break their legs. Then, as soon as you play us it will be all right if they recover quickly and win the rest.

Yours truly,

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