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Mr. Ray Ebling,  
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Dear Ray:

Thank you for your good letter of the 31st ultimo. I think you will have no trouble regarding Francis Kappelman's playing, but if such a thing should happen that would cause any possible difficulty we would withdraw him from the lineup before he started to play.

However, I want you to tell Schmitt that Kap has played in the Naismith League and is registered with the AAU. He played with Paul Rogers in the American Beauty game in Kansas City against the Phillips about a week or ten days ago. Yesterday he went out to Russell, Kansas, and expects to play with the Shaffer's. I think that is a meat and grocery store, and they are going to register him and have him transferred out there for his playing. So I think you will have no difficulty at all.

You come on in and count on playing Friday night, because Bub Shaffer could play guard if anything came up about Kap. Just rest assured that we will not jeopardize your AAU eligibility in any way.

I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Ray Noble so that he can rest assured that we will protect him, also.

There has been much discussion about our jeopardizing the chances of our freshmen by having them play against Kappelman, but all of this is buzzing that started somewhere but will not injure anyone. This is an alumni game and only where team members and alumni are playing, so from any angle that you look at it nobody is in great danger.

I think it was Ray Noble who sent word to me that Healeys and your people would like you to wear your own warm-ups and game uniforms in this game. I assure you this is entirely satisfactory with all concerned. In fact, the whole crowd would be glad to see you dressed up in your gala attire.