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Dear Phog:

Your wire of Saturday, October 21st, was delivered to the wrong address and has just reached my desk. In this wire you mentioned the name of Albie Ingerman of Temple University and other teammates. This rumor was widely spread last year and discredited completely in Philadelphia newspapers following investigation by Temple University as well as independent investigations by the newspapers.

The boy played in the game, which was questioned by rumor mongers, with a high fever and was in bed with a severe case of the grippe for a week to ten days after the game. His illness was verified both by his family physician and by the University. In addition, sports writers visited his home and verified this fact which was published in the papers and was far from suppressed.

On his recovery, the boy was drafted into the Navy and he is still in service. There was one other player injured in that game who was unable to participate in any others after the one which started the rumors. This boy's injury necessitated several stitches being taken from a cut on his face, and his shoulder was dislocated in the same collision that resulted in this cut. The boy was not dropped from the squad but obviously could not play any more games that season since there was only three weeks of competition remaining. He is still in school and it is my understanding from the Athletic Director at Temple University that he will be a candidate this year if his shoulder, which is still far from perfect, permits him to engage in competitive sports.

It should hardly be necessary for me to go into detail on this subject since I have the fullest confidence in the college authorities here in the East and know that every effort is being made to suppress the increase in gambling upon college sports results, mainly in football and basketball.