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Mr. John Glenn  
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Dear John:

I regret exceedingly that you and your good mother cannot avail yourselves of the opportunity to take in either the Nebraska or the Oklahoma game, but I assure you that I thoroughly understand the situation.

We do hope, however, that you will surprise us some weekend. Be sure that you write us or wire us and let us know when you are coming, because on October 26 I go to the Northeast Missouri Teachers College at Kirksville, to address them at their homecoming banquet on that date. They are playing Iowa Wesleyan, I believe.

From 1912 to 1919, when I was coach of all sports and director of athletics at Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg, the many rivalries that we had with the Northeast College ripened into friendly contacts and after about twenty-five years I have been asked by my friendly opponents to be their main speaker, so Mrs. Allen and I will drive over there that day.

On November 1, I speak at Toledo, Ohio at an athletic banquet, sponsored by the Northwestern District Board, held in connection with the Northwestern Ohio Teachers Association. Then on November 7, I speak on zone defense and the fast break in basketball at Shorewood High School, just out of Milwaukee. This is a program for the basketball and football coaches group.

I notice that you will not be in your office on the 29th. Is that October or November? Possibly we might surprise you, Mrs. Allen and I, and drop by to see you and Mrs. Glenn overnight, if we can make arrangements. Let me know if the Glenn family will be home during the early part of November.

Looking at the football schedule, on November 2, if I have it correct, Northwestern is playing Minneapolis at Minneapolis; Indiana is playing Ohio State at Bloomington; and Illinois is playing Wisconsin at Urbana. I am wondering if the Glenns and the Allens might get together for a football game on that date. I could drive over from Toledo Saturday in time to make connections, if you are of the opinion that you and Mrs. Glenn would like to take in a game. Of course, we could get busy and secure tickets in plenty of time, if you are free to go.