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Dear "Phog":

I have your recent letter upon my return from a short vacation. I note what you have to say regarding Don Isett. I received a letter from Don three or four months ago regarding the possibility of the University awarding him a letter. I wrote back and quite frankly "passed the buck." I will say the same thing to you I said to Isett - namely I have not been in the employ of the University of Kansas for a great many years and I believe it would not only be poor judgement but bad taste for me to approach the University about the award of a letter which I did not recommend while I was coaching there. If the Athletic Board or someone of the Athletic administration of the University wishes to contact me, I shall be glad to answer their questions and of course will recommend Don Isett as a person and a gentleman quite highly. I have been in contact with Isett both here and on the campus at Washington State. He is a personable fellow and certainly a good citizen. I really feel, Phog, that if there was any type of injustice done to Isett, it was not in track and field but perhaps in football. He was a fair little half-back and gave some pretty fair service as I remember it to the football team. He was however unable to score more than one or two points in track. As you have so kindly stated, I had quite a track team at that time and it was a little bit tough to score points in track. Track is somewhat different from the game sports. I have always been rather liberal in handing out awards but you have to use some type of slide rule when points are won and distributed as they are in track and field.

If you care to follow up Don's case and if Mr. Kloos or the President of your board wishes to write me, I shall be glad to say a lot of nice things about Don Isett. The board of course will have to act upon its own in awarding a letter because I certainly can't do any recommending to the Kansas University Athletic Board when I have no connection of any sort with it.

I just returned from St. Louis, Missouri where Ramsay is a resident in the City Hospital in Pathology. He was married recently and we think his judgement is pretty good. Our daughter, Sarah, is married to a Naval officer living in Washington, D. C. and I have reached the point where I cannot deny my age - I am a grandfather. Richard Joseph Hall arrived in January of this year. Please give my very best regards to Mrs. Allen and the other members of your family - both personal and athletic. I, like every other civilian of our age, am looking forward to the end of our present mess when we can again resume normal lives. I don't mind being busy and working long hours with the Air Corps boys but I can't believe anybody ever gained anything from war. Please advise me if there is anything I can do to clear up the Isett case if you really think it needs reviewing.

Sincerely,

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