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Dear Coach Allen:

I received your letter of the 23rd this morning and I appreciate very much your coming to me directly with this matter. I hope we may be able to spike any such rumors as you mentioned in your letter, because it is absolutely unfounded.

I have never met Lt. Feller of the Hutchinson Naval Air Base; neither have I ever been on the base. Bill Hennigh called me sometime ago asking us to fill in on his schedule on a vacant date and after some discussion we decided not to schedule a game. This is absolutely the only connection or conversation of any kind I have had with any one connected with the Hutchinson Naval Base.

I have had a nice college basketball team but had all the games I cared to play and have not been turned down by any one or refused any one a game. Some of our local Kansas University alumni have asked me to try and schedule a game with you but I have always told them I though I knew where I belonged and did not care to play any more games. We played Kansas State two games and our relations were excellent.

I am very sorry this rumon is out and I hope it may be spiked at once because I do not care to be a party of such publicity. Thanking you for writing me directly, I remain

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Hayden

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