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Dear Phog:

Your letter addressed to me in Louisiana quoting your telegram inviting me to speak at your January 12 Rotary meeting has just this minute reached the office. Evidently your telegram will be forwarded to me by mail. I did not go to Louisiana for the Sugar Bowl game, hence, the delay in receiving your letter. I hasten to explain in order that you may know why I have not communicated with you. I did have a letter from Fred Ellsworth, reply to which he doubtless has now. I am sending a copy of this letter to Fred.

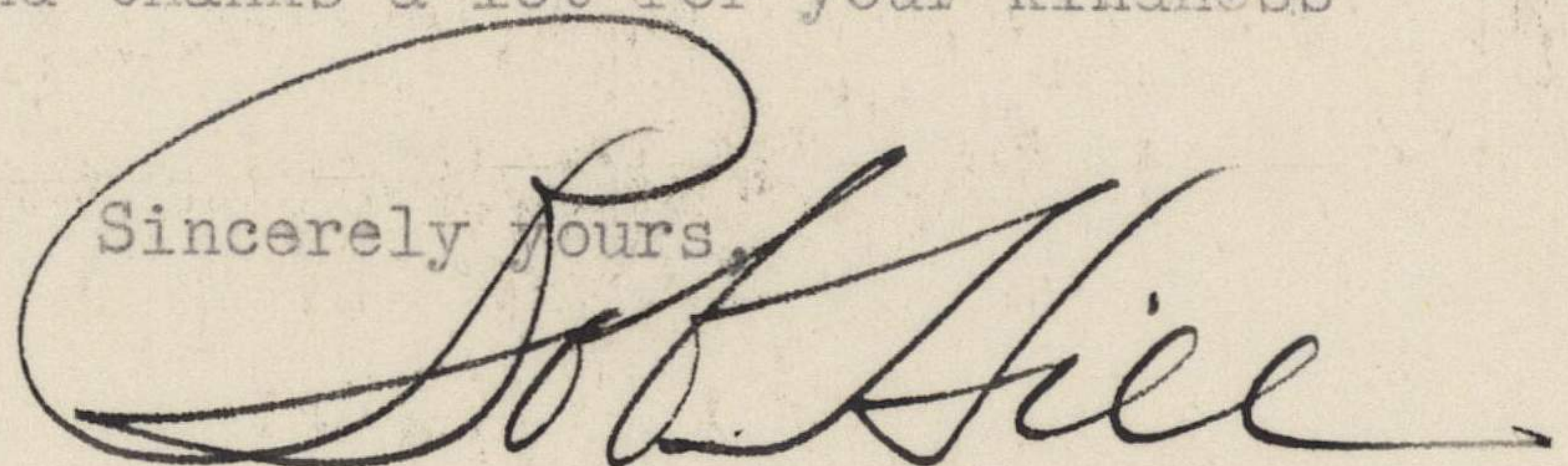
Your invitation is appreciated tremendously. I am terribly disappointed because I cannot accept it. I have looked forward with eagerness to the pleasure and privilege of being with you and Fred and our other mutual friends of the Rotary Club of Lawrence, and I do hope you will give me a rain check.

When I wrote to Fred, I explained to him that I could not be in Lawrence on January 12 because of a Defense Council meeting scheduled that day in Jefferson City, our State Capital. The meeting, however, has been re-scheduled in Kansas City for noon of that day at the Muehlebach. I'm trying to arrange travel plans so that I may be in Lawrence Sunday, January 11, for Fred's meeting of the American Alumni Council. Please bear with me.

You'll be interested to know that I had planned to invite you to have lunch with me January 14, the day of the Kansas-Missouri basketball game...in fact, I had dictated the invitation to go in this letter, but I've changed^{ed} because just a few minutes after I dictated the invitation, I received an announcement that our U. S. Savings Committee is to meet in Jefferson City that day. But I'll give you a rain check.

New Year's greetings to you, and thanks a lot for your kindness and hospitality.

Sincerely yours,



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