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Phog Allen  
Basketball Coach  
Kansas University  
Manhattan, Kansas

My dear Phog:

I didn't see very much of you at the meetings because you were very busy preparing your boys for the National Championship and, naturally, that was first in your mind.

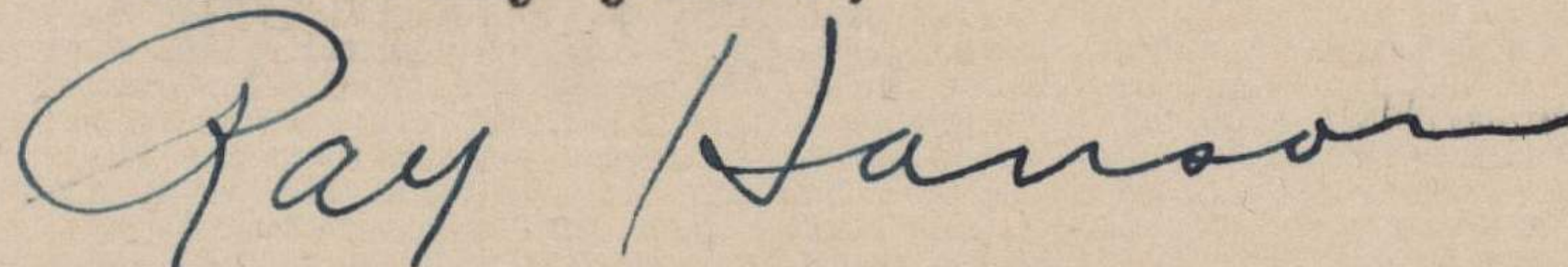
I want to say that your men did an excellent job against the University of Indiana; and if Indiana had been playing its usual game, you would have had a good chance to lick them but they were hot. In fact, I don't think I ever saw a team any hotter than they were that night.

It must have been a great thrill for you to have your son playing, not for a state title but for a national title; and then when the national title slipped through your fingers, he still was selected on the All-American Basketball Team of the United States. As far as I know, this is the first time in history that a son of a coach has made the All-American Basketball Team; and it is still another feather in your cap because the son of a coach coached by the father to a place of national recognition.

You also deserve a lot of credit in arranging this basketball meet at Kansas City because without your help it would never had been the classic that it was.

Congratulations on a fine team. It was as good as any team in the United States with one exception and that was Indiana on this particular night when they were hot and your fellows were not as warm as usual. I shall never forget my trip to Kansas City which, by the way, was the first time that I was ever in Kansas City.

Sincerely yours,



Director of Athletics

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P. S.--Clarence Schultz of the Commonwealth Amusement Company of Kansas City, Missouri happens to come from Lester Prairie, Minnesota. I had quite a visit with him and he tells me that he has had several business dealings with you in the picture game. Incidentally, Mr. Schultz is just a country boy who started out with a hobby and then made good with it.