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March 3, 1943.

Dr. H. H. King,  
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Dear Dr. King:

Your very generous letter of March 1 has been received and I want you to know that I very deeply appreciate the kind remarks that you make in your letter. I have always had a very sincere fondness for you and Mike, and when you say anything like this I know, coming from a man like you, that you mean it. Again I say thank you so much.

Answering your inquiry regarding the Creighton game. We are leaving tonight with only one regular and seven of the kind that you scrape the bottom of the barrel with. We will get slaughtered at Creighton but our boys are all going in the service and they do not want to make the trip to Creighton. After the Missouri game most of them pulled out for their homes in Peabody, Sublette and other Kansas towns.

Dixon, one of my regulars, left before the Oklahoma game for California and I do not blame him in the least. In fact, I told him that if I were he I would do exactly the same thing. This is a serious business and I cannot get too pepped up over athletic competition at the present time.

I offered to forfeit the game to Eddie Hickey because I told him none of the regulars wanted to come up but he wanted to play so this is a token visitation so far as we are concerned. We are very happy to have Creighton represent the Fifth District but I would have been delighted to have met Creighton with our full strength in either contest. However, I do not desire to take a thing away from them because they have an exceptionally fine team.

Thanking you for your good letter, and wishing you the best,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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