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Dear Harold:

I desire to take this means to thank you sincerely for the mighty fine contribution that you made in making difficult obstacles more easily surmounted. The fact that you have contributed in so many ways in creating good will is appreciated. No detail is too small for you to overlook. I refer to your taking care of friends of the visitors who desire tickets, ironing out knotty problems by over-zealous photographers, and writing most exceptional stories of visiting teams when occasionally they are able to defeat fine Sooner teams.

I am going back not only one year but several years in my endeavor to clear up some misunderstood unpleasantness. However, I specifically refer to an article that appeared in Jim Reed's sports column, "Off the Sports Cuff", on Monday, February 16, 1942. He reprints your resume of the Gerald Tucker case in a current issue of the Sooner alumni magazine. He states, "in order to give our readers the case as Oklahoma saw it we are reprinting a part of the Keith article".

I have read your article pretty carefully, and as I read it it seems to me that the burden for this is laid at the door of Dr. H. H. King, the faculty representative of Kansas State. I think this is as it should not be. I am perfectly willing to assume perhaps the major portion of the blame, if there is any, which I am not willing to admit at the present time.

When Tucker transferred from Kansas State to Oklahoma I made a public statement to the effect that if Commissioner Atherton of the Pacific Coast were commissioner of the Big Six he would automatically declare Gerald Tucker ineligible for further competition on account of the migrant rule which is written in the Big Six Rules and Regulations Governing Athletics, as published in 1937. I further stated that the proper thing for both Tom Stidham and Bruce Drake was to have met Gerald Tucker at the train and sent him back to the institution which he left or to refuse him admittance at Oklahoma so far as athletics were concerned.

So, from the beginning, I was above board in all that I had said or done. I think Bruce Drake has a letter in long hand written by me to him in which I told him what I knew or else was pretty sure I knew - that the Phi Deltis were doing or had promised to do for Tucker at the University of Oklahoma. A person very close to Tucker and who knew the inside, so he