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Mr. Harold Keith,
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Dear Harold:

Thanks for your good letters of December 30th and January 4th. I will be happy to work with you, Hal Middlesworth and John Turner in anything that you may want. It is very generous of you to work out these troublesome difficulties that we faced last year. You are a real sportsman and a gentleman. Not many fellows come along with your kindly bearing and farsightedness.

Thanks also for your kind words regarding our Eastern trip. I constantly thought of how good it was for our section to whip some of those Eastern boys who think only that superiority comes from the East. There is a half-baked outfit who have this viewpoint. Certainly not everybody in the East is like that, but most of the coaches think that the superior play resides in the East, when, as a matter of fact, if those Easterners come West they would be annihilated.

I have always maintained that if they wanted to bring the systems together they should take an official from the section from which the traveling team comes and an official from the home section, and that would bring the divergent playing areas together. That is what is done in football and that was what made the game more uniform. So long as they use all officials from one spot they will never improve the game.

When you go east you have got to play just the way they think and not according to the rules. Henry Iba told me to throw away all the plays, rules and swing, and set up a post because the Easterners know nothing about post play.

I will be happy to see you when we come to Norman.
With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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