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Dr. J. A. Billingsley,
Huron Building,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Billingsley:

Doubtless by now you and I have both learned that Lou Steinsmyer went to the Oklahoma Aggies. Taft Talbot, who is a salesman for the R. S. Elliott Arms Company, and an old Oklahoma Aggie man, dropped in the office the other day and said, "Say, there is a big six foot five inch boy down at the Oklahoma Aggies who said he wanted a job. How in the world did he get away from you?"

Taft told me that Henry Iba said, "How did it happen that you got away from Phog Allen?" And Steinsmyer said he was up there twice, and possibly inferred that he wasn't offered a job.

Of course, you know that you used all the influence you had with him and he was down here during the Kansas Relays and we had him work out with the high school boys during the basketball clinic and he made a fine impression. Maybe it is unfair to say it, but I have a pretty definite notion that this boy Ellis, who is teaching in the Wyandotte school, an old Oklahoma Aggie man, is the one who made the contact with Iba.

You will remember when we beat the Oklahoma Aggies here in basketball that Steinsmyer was so anxious to have a talk with Iba. I am positive that it is not his sister who was sold on the Aggies, but rather Ellis had done some grapevine work previous to that. I thought I noticed rather an indifference in Steinsmyer each time I talked with him. I think he has been sewed up for the Aggies for a long time.

I know how much John Carlson resented John Lonborg's activity in regard to sending Billy Clark to Northwestern a few years ago, and I feel that at least this situation should be investigated with a view of having these out of state teachers not activate themselves in getting our Kansas boys to go out of the state.