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Dear Dr. Allen:

Last night at nine o'clock, I wired you as follows: "Impossible to rearrange work. Sorry. Suggest DeGroot. Leith in Denver. Letter follows."

While we were talking on the phone my hasty calculations made me feel that I could make arrangements to come back for the weekend. However, I went to the office immediately after our talk and found that I had arranged for so many meetings that it was just out of the question to try to change or cancel all of them. You see this is at the end of our quarter and therefore is a very busy time. This office has a lot of loose ends to pick up in preparation for the Spring Quarter. I had also arranged a meeting of twenty people for Sunday and another meeting for Saturday night. You see, I was just like an old fire horse when he hears the gong; I wanted to come to Kansas City.

I appreciate very much the invitation which you gave me, and I hope my necessary change of plan did not upset any publicity you may have started before you received my wire. I know you are going to have a good tournament. You always do a good job of advertising, and I wish you the best of luck with your team.

In this connection, some suggestions concerning U.S.C., should you meet them, may be helpful. They are an excellent ball-handling team. This year they are playing a lot more aggressive basketball than in the past. They are even taking one-handed shots, which is rather unusual for U.S.C. They have probably one of the best balanced teams they have every had.

Sears, the center, is the only tall man as a regular. He must be about 6 feet 3, and is a very clever boy around the basket with pivot shots and tip-ins.

Vaughn is the boy who is touted as a star, but to my mind he is considerably over-rated. He is a very weak defensive player and actually is not much good except when he has the ball. He does not rustle for the ball but expects to be fed. It is well to remember that he is a full left-hander. Our guards played well to his left and practically shut him out. I would concede him all the baskets he would make with his right hand or all the shots he could get by dribbling around to his right; in other words, smother that left hand. Vaughn is a good long shot, but shoots more or less