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Gentlemen:

I have just read the communication from Dr. Allen relative to play by Paine late in the Kansas game at Norman and his impression of me as formed from unreliable information obtained from Don Barrington.

I am surprised that Dr. Allen did not see ALL of the play that resulted in a goal by Paine. It started as Dr. Allen has stated but it certainly did not end as he states that it did. The truth of the matter is that Paine received the ball at the center of the free throw line, he pivoted and went into the air for a shot. For some reason or another he decided not to shoot and dropped the ball to the floor while both of his feet were still in the air. After both feet were on the floor he caught the ball as it rebounded from the floor and without further movement, shot it into the goal. Had either foot touched the floor after his jump before the ball left his hands, he would have been called for having traveled. As it happened, he had dribbled and was eligible to shoot.

It is true that Don Barrington came to Pittsburg to see our school and planned to enter K.S.T.C. the fall after he graduated from High School. He did not enter college that fall but went to California instead. I heard from him that winter and the following summer after he had returned to Kansas City. I saw him in Kansas City during the summer after he had attended Kansas City Junior College one winter. He told me that He had been at a big dinner the evening before when the athletes of Kansas City had been entertained by the Kansas University coaches and that he had decided to go with some of his friends to Kansas University. I certainly said nothing that was not complimentary to the coaching staff at K.U. or of the school.

I have always liked Don Barrington and have been pleased with his success at K.U. I have enjoyed meeting him at such times that I have seen him and know of no motive for him to have fabricated the tale that I have it in for him. If I had it in for him, I certainly would have called a fourth foul on him early in the second half at Norman for he certainly gave me many opportunities.

I was not at all pleased with the game at Norman, in question. The attitude of the players, the coaches and the crowd always influence an official's feelings about a game. I have officiated for over twenty-five years. I can recite the rules, I know the proper interpretations and I am fearless even tho Dr. Allen might think otherwise. In this game, I