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Mr. Louis E. Mense,
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Dear Louie:

I am still congratulating you on your fine championship team. But before we meet I want to make myself plain so there will be no misunderstanding at the moment we get together.

First, I am hoping that we can have the same officials work at both places. As each school pays half of the expenses of these officials, I see no reason why this could not come to pass.

By way of explanation I wish to say that Parke Carroll has worked a great number of years for me, and I am frank in saying in my opinion he has never worked one satisfactory game. Bud Knox has worked two games, and I would not want poorer games worked than he has officiated. Therefore, there are two fellows that I never want to use in any games any more, and those are the two I just mentioned.

I am writing you ahead of time so that you can be thinking about officials that you would like to use, and I will be doing likewise. I hope that they can work the games at both places.

I know Reaves Peters has always talked about saving money but they don't do it in football, and when a game becomes important enough through the unhappiness of coaches in having to take men that they do not like, then I think it is time to do something about it.

By way of explanation, Louie, I want to explain why I took Parke Carroll and Bud Knox. Frankly, I thought we would finish in about fourth place, and I thought, Well, we'll get licked anyhow and I am not pleased with Knox, but I was just curious enough to want to try him again to see if my first estimation of him was wrong. And as for Carroll, I had had him on the taboo list for a good many years, but I thought since he was close up there I would try him again. When I surprised myself by a tie, prior to the Iowa State game, then the rubber was on me and I could do no complaining, of course. We couldn't have won that ball game with you with a lead pencil if we had had one of our players keeping score. You beat us so decisively there was no question that either official influenced the game a bit. But I saw enough that I