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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I wish to review what occurred between us and I am sure that you would like to know the situation also.

When I sent you my original wire asking whether you could play on January 16th, to which you naturally replied in the negative, I had in the meantime dispatched several other wires to other Universities. When I received your wire declining the ~~wire~~ ^{game} I also received a wire from another school accepting it and I then proceeded to close this date. Subsequently I received your wire stating that the condition had changed and that you could play on January 16th. Because of my admiration for you and because of our friendship which I value very highly, and because of my desire to see you once again, be in your company and to have your fine team on our Program, I took the necessary steps to cancel the other game.

This, of course, took diplomatic handling and required a few days more than I had originally anticipated. When I finally succeeded in doing so I wired you to the effect that the game was O.K., then I received your last telegram. As a result of this I do not have Kansas University, and I do not have this other school which I had originally contacted; I cannot go back to this other school, so I am in a SPOT. I know you well enough to know that you will not permit me to remain in this spot if you can help it, so I am looking forward to your reply on Monday or Tuesday of this coming week telling me that you have been able to maneuver and manipulate your schedule so as to enable you to come in on January 16th.

Incidentally, if nothing else will avail Michigan State may agree to move its date from January 23rd to the 16th.