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Dear Phog:-

I have such a time trying to reach you when you are'nt busy that I am going to answer your letter regarding the proposed basketball program by letter. At the same time, I would like to ask for an opportunity to talk to you at the first moment you have in order to more fully cover the situation. You name the time and I will be there, either during business hours or later.

I tried to reach you by phone several times during December in order to go over the proposition as I had run into some snags and also the fact that everything that had to be done was apparently dumped on my doorstep. In trying to keep up with my own business together with my affairs in Tulsa and also the job of winding up the year, the program was sidetracked and it was humanly impossible for me to do otherwise.

God knows that I hate alibis and I rarely resort to them but in this case I will have to run the risk of your thinking that is the case. However, there is no one in Lawrence who has given more in time or money than I have to help the athletic situation. I have never made any effort to capitalize on this and there are few people who know anything about it except those who have had close contact with the Relay Club. There comes a time however when you just run out of time to devote to these things and that is my situation.

I feel that you are aware of my loyalty to you, there has never been a time when I wouldn't and didn't say you had brought more favorable attention and had meant more to the K.U. Athletic dept. than all the rest of the coaches, managers, boards and what have you put together. I think you will also realize that in making such a broad statement, I have had to defend myself verbally and even physically from some of the wolves