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Dear "Cob":

Thank you for your good letter of November 8. It arrived in Lawrence on November 9 at 7:30 in plenty of time to appraise us of the impossibility of your coming.

I had just returned from Toledo, Chicago and Milwaukee, where I had been on speaking engagements with the different teachers associations. I told Eleanor on Friday night that she should be sure and look you up at the Phi Delta house even though Mrs. Burnside did not happen to accompany you. Your letter arrived at my office before noon, but I had not had a chance to see Eleanor, so she inquired for you and found that it had been impossible for you to make it.

I can understand your complication. We have had the YMCA drive here on the Hill, for which I had my assignments in building solicitation, and then I headed up the Community Chest drive for the University here. We went over the top and I was delighted that I could do something in the way of cooperating with the town that made the downtown people feel we went over in a big way. We went far over our quota here on the Hill.

It seems as if I have been busier this year than ever before, but it has been a much more pleasant occupation of my time than other autumns I can recall.

I assure you that Mrs. Allen and I would have been very happy to have seen Dorothy, you and Cobby, and you tell the folks for us that we are counting very definitely on the time when we can all be together.

I think you would have been quite proud of the Kansas team and their tussel with the Sooners. Frankly, Cob, Oklahoma looked like the Russian squadron of tanks; big, powerful and dumb. They did not look like the Panzer Division of the German High Command because upon two occasions the Oklahoma ball carrier caught the ball behind his own goal line for a touchback and tried to run it out, when all he had to do was touch it down and receive the 20-yard scrimmage assignment. Another Oklahoma player actually had to grab the guy and hold him to keep him from running over the goal line. Oklahoma has power plus but very little intelligence. Their dumbness was exhibited upon so many occasions that you could never call this Oklahoma team a smart one.