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Mr. C. E. McBride,  
Sports Editor,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I was sorry that I did not get to see you Saturday afternoon when I stopped by the Sports Desk to say hello. On Sunday morning I read your sports column as usual and with much pleasure, and noted what you had to say under "Please Say Yes, Kansas".

I am sending you a copy of the correspondence that pertains to our basketball game with Great Lakes and its attendant contingencies.

First, I might say, Mac, that we arranged the games in basketball on a budgetary basis. We are counting the income from these various games, including Great Lakes, to help us pay our salaries that the Athletic Association pays us. Kansas has had lean years in athletics, and while we want to do our bit in helping the service teams, the arrangement this year was the same as last year, namely that Kansas and Great Lakes, as well as the Pre-Flight School at Iowa City, would divide the gate receipts.

Lieutenant Commander Russell Cook agreed to come to Kansas for \$200.00 guarantee with 50% option of the receipts last year. The 50% option on account of student tickets never runs over \$400. Great Lakes drew as their share of the receipts in the Kansas-Great Lakes game the amount of \$1186.46. I believe of all the Great Lakes scheduled games last year that only the Notre Dame-Great Lakes game in Chicago paid more to Great Lakes than this Kansas game.

I am also cognizant of the fact that Missouri has played two football bowl games in the past three years and they are pretty well fixed financially. I am very sure that our Athletic Board is not in position to turn over all the receipts to Navy Relief, as much as they would like to do it. However, I do have one suggestion, and I am sure that our Board would concur in it. At least, I would recommend it if permission is obtained from the Big Six for the game, namely that Kansas and Missouri play basketball in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, and that we give the entire receipts to the Navy Relief after expenses are paid. But we do not feel that since these games have been listed on our budget on an estimated income basis that we can afford to follow your suggestion that all profits above expenses be turned over to the Navy Relief fund.

You will see by our correspondence that I enclose that I had written Hinkle and suggested that Oklahoma Aggies and Kansas participate in two double-headers with the service teams. This was not followed through by Lt. Hinkle, but rather a contract was signed to play at Columbia, Missouri, on January 29th. I am convinced that had we brought in Oklahoma Aggies in the double-header arrangement we would have packed the hall both nights. I am definitely of the opinion that Kansas would be losing money under the proposed arrangement that Missouri and Great Lakes desire.

Later I closed a contract with Larry Snyder at Iowa City and George Edwards closed a contract to play at Columbia. I am of the definite opinion that Kansas would suffer financially by the arrangement which George Edwards proposes. Therefore, since we have arranged our schedule and Missouri has arranged hers, we feel that it is entirely fitting for us to determine our own policies in regard to these games.