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Dear Cob:

I'm sending you a copy of the letter I received from Iba on the 11th of June and a copy of my reply to him.

There absolutely will be no backing up on this stand. Our Athletic Board feels that they are entitled to one-half of the student tickets which are counted in at face value of twenty cents and we merely get ten cents from each student in this case.

Frankly, it looks to me as though Hank doesn't have a very good team coming up and he's trying to find a way to step out, but, if he steps out on the whaling of Bus Ham, his Oklahoma contingent will not be sufficient to put this game back on the calendar. Hank cannot say we're scared of him. On the other hand, I will give publicity material to our correspondent and show the public that instead of I being the one that is scared, it is he.

I hardly think it is cricket on Henry's part since he had an experienced team and I had a Sophomore team and we opened a two game series and I played him but one game at Lawrence. When Oklahoma A. & M. and Kansas have met on a neutral court we have whipped him both times. Yet the series stands even up because he has played us down there more times than we have played at Lawrence. So, I'll let the record stand as it is if he wants it that way.

In the Conference he is in, he has no school in the Missouri Valley that draws crowds and only the University of Oklahoma packs them in. If we do not play down there, he will lose more from our not playing the game than he would lose from paying us this extra stipulation, as he calls it. Year in and year out, he will not get a team that will draw as well as will Kansas. That's why I make this point that he will lose more than he will gain. And, we can schedule games that will pay us as much as he pays us. His entire payment this year was less than nine hundred dollars and we got over a thousand from Nebraska. And we have gotten more than a thousand dollars many times from Oklahoma and Missouri.

Hank is failing to take into account that we make one-half of the attraction and therefore are entitled to one-half of the money. Not the one-half which is all cash, but one-half of the student