THE RICE INSTITUTE

HOUSTON, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

April 13, 1940

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

We hand you herewith the hotel bill as submitted to this office by Coach Brannon and would appreciate your returning same for our files. If for any reason you desire to delate any item, please do not hesitate to do so. In forwarding your check please make it for whatever amount you think right.

We were amazed to find at this date that we were permitted allowances for fifteen men instead of the twelve mentioned in all your communications. Frankness compells us to say that the oversight in properly acquainting the competing teams with the factors under which the competitions were held is most regrettable. In the light of these circumstances we feel that allowances for fifteen men should be made to all teams regardless to whether this number were carried to the competitions or not. It seems on the face of it a gross negligence in properly organizing the competitions.

I want you to know that there is nothing personal intended in this communication as we have only the highest regard for all the men connected with the tournament but we feel that there should be no occasion for us at this date finding that allowances are permitted one section not in keeping with the allowances permitted the other sections. I again do not hesitate to reiterate that if allowances are made for fifteen men in the Eastern division, they should likewise be made for the Western division regardless as to whether fifteen men competed or not. I certainly think that the men conducting the contests should have been thoroughly aware of the conditions under which the competitions were held in both divisions and all competing teams should have been apprised and competed under like circumstances. I would appreciate having from your committee some expressions regarding these matters.

With kindest personal wishes for yourself, I am

Yours very truly,

Rice Institute Athletic Ass'n

Gaylord Johnson

Business Manager of Athletics