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Mr. Parke Carroll,
Sports Editor, Kansas City Journal,
Haines City, Florida.

Dear Parke:

I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to visit with you longer at Oklahoma City. Bus Ham tried to get in touch with you a couple of times so we could have a game of golf together. On Monday Bus, Henry Iba and I played nine holes. We tried to get in touch with you, but missed you. Then on Tuesday we planned to play again but the sand storm came up and it turned cool so we called it off.

I got your note together with your expense account and I want you to know that personally I very much appreciate your very generous attitude in offering to waive your fee due to the fine interest that you had in the N.C.A.A. tournament. I want you to know that while that is appreciated, I would not for a moment think of accepting your generous offer. Therefore, when I left I instructed Earl Jones to have a voucher made out to you for your expenses plus the \$40.00 for your fee for the two evenings.

Certainly a fellow that would go to the hardships that you did to make connections should not be penalized because he is interested in seeing a project like this succeed. We made money, and since all expense for everybody else, including any honorarium or fee, was paid I certainly would not think of you not receiving your fee. So it is with my thanks to you for your exceptional work under very difficult circumstances that I am insisting that you have your expenses plus your fee.

I have never been too lavish in my praise of an official because I have always felt that when a coach was less fulsome in his praise at the next game the arbiter might officiate, then the official would wonder why the praise was not forthcoming at the next game. But I do want to say that you did a most splendid job and handled the game when you did not have the support that you should have had at a critical juncture. Your work was so outstanding by comparison that it was not difficult for an observer who was not intensely interested to easily detect that high quality.

Upon your return to Kansas City I will be very happy to talk with you about the proposition that you mentioned in your letter.