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Dear Dan:

I appreciate very much your fine letter dated Sunday a week ago. I was delighted that you are getting along so well and sincerely trust that you go big guns at Annapolis.

By the way, if you ever get a moment look up Coach Thompson of the track team at Annapolis. As you know he is the world's champion hurdler from Dartmouth. I saw him break the high hurdle record in 1920 at the University of Pennsylvania. We are especially good friends, and although he is a little deaf now I would like for you to convey my best wishes to him. I understand that it is a very difficult thing to get away from your set up, but I thought you might enjoy visiting with him because he is a grand fellow. Our families have visited together a number of times, and Eleanor was back at Annapolis last summer for the dance. His youngest daughter has just been recently married to an ensign.

Well, Dan, things are rather quiet on the Big Six front at present. All the Aggie coaches are in the service except Ward Haylett and he is going to take over football, and Chili Cochrane will coach basketball. Doubtless you have seen that in the papers.

Now, there is one thing that you haven't seen, and that is the follow up of the Missouri-Great Lakes situation. Dorman O'Leary, a Kansas man, is on the Auditorium board, and Harry Welsh, a Missouri alumnus and a member of their athletic board, is also a member of the Auditorium board. He has written me for a luncheon date. The pressure is still being exerted. I received a letter from George Edwards, a copy of which I am enclosing to you, and today I replied with a letter a copy of which is also enclosed. It seems as if the Missouri boys think we are throwing a party in their back yard and they want to tell us how to run it. And of course you know me well enough to know that I wouldn't enjoy having someone run my own party.