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Personal

Mr. Dan Partner,  
Sports Desk,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Dan:

I want to spin a little confidential yarn with you which you can use as you wish without revealing the source of your information.

I noticed a week or two ago an item about Otto Schnellbacher of Sublette, in your column. Well, here's the way the story goes. Schnellbacher went down to Manhattan and was put to work at 45¢ an hour. We pay 35¢ here, and that is the top. But this is no reproach on the Aggie method of pay. On Monday night Schnellbacher called me from Manhattan and said, "I want to be a Jayhawker and I am coming down Tuesday afternoon." I said, "Otto, if you can get down here by noon I would be glad to take you along with my two sons and their wife and sweetheart to see the Yanks play Tuesday afternoon. I bought ten tickets, and I have an extra one if you would like to come." He said, "I'll be there."

Then, much to my surprise, on Tuesday morning I received the following wire: "Have decided to attend Kansas State. Thank you for your consideration." (signed, Otto Schnellbacher.)

Then I sat down and wrote him a letter, thinking that the wire was genuine. I am enclosing a copy of the letter and also the letter I wrote Ed Hall at Sublette. Ed Hall is captain and fullback on our football team, you know, and also made a letter in basketball and baseball this spring under me. Of course, Ed has been very anxious that Otto go to the University of Kansas.

I dismissed the matter from my mind, but when I returned home Tuesday night Eleanor, my youngest daughter, told me that Schnellbacher had called from Manhattan saying that he was coming in on Wednesday morning at 5:30 on the bus. He stated that he had not sent the wire but some of the boys at Manhattan had wired me using Schnellbacher's name.