November 27, 1940 Mr. Bill Powell A. G. Spalding & Bros. 1012 Grand Avenue Kansas City, Mo. Dear Bill: I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Naismith Basketball League opening night on Wednesday, December 4, in the Municipal Auditorium. I regret exceedingly that I can not attend your luncheon because I will be in Wellington the night before. I will be happy, however, to be with you at the opening of the League games the evening of the 4th. It will be necessary for me to drive up after my basketball practice. I certainly want to do all that I can to boost a very worthy project such as the Naismith League. If there is anything additional that I can do to boost this very successful and worthwhile organization, please let me know. Where shall I report when I drive in? Due to the fact that I am coaching, it will be necessary for me to drive my own car, and, since it is about fifty miles each way, I imagine the expenses will be around \$5.50 or \$6.00. I will leave that to your judgment. With all good wishes and thanking you for your invitation, I am, Sincerely yours,

> Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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