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

Dear Doc:

The officials for your games with Creighton and Denver will be assigned within the next few days.

Artie Eilers and I assigned the officials for the two games between the Oklahoma Aggies and Oklahoma for March 6 and 12th. without any difficulty. I don't believe we would have encountered any difficulty in assigning the officials for your two games.

We have not been embarrassed in any way in the assigning of officials for conference and non-conference games in football, and while there is at the present time differences in procedures in the various conferences in regard to the assigning of basketball officials, I believe we should take the lead in establishing some definite plan for this.

I believe you know that it is our policy not to assign officials to any game without the consent, thru preferential list or direct contact with the coaches, or thru the commissioners of other conferences. The officials for the Western play-off of the National Collegiate was handled in this way. The officials for the various Bowl games are handled in this way and it has proven so much better than the old way of coaches bickering over officials—you know that sometimes happens.

According to instructions given me by the Directors it will be necessary that I assign all basketball officials that work on conference floors. The only personal advantage that this gives me is that I know the officials that are working, where and when they are working, and when they will be available for other games. Then too, I believe there is a certain psychological advantage in having the officials realize that they are being assigned from a central office and are responsible, to a certain degree, to that central office for satisfactory work.

During the first year of my work in the conference I assigned only conference officials but it soon became apparent to the coaches that it would be better if I assigned all their officials. They realize, and I know the basketball coaches feel the same way about it, that it creates more work for me, but in the long run it is