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Mr. Vernon B. Snell,  
Oklahoman Sports Desk,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Snell:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote Hugh Fullerton, Jr., of the AP in New York, which conveys many of the points concerning Kurland and any of the other tall boys. You will notice that I stated I would be in favor of a moratorium of three years before the rule would be put into effect. This doesn't look as if I am trying to evade Mr. Kurland.

The article says we met him last year, and played him two games.

Just for the benefit of those brothers in Oklahoma who sort of think that we ditched the Aggies until Kurland got out of school, I might add that when Hank Iba was at Maryville Teachers College we heard the same thing about Kansas being afraid of Maryville Teachers. And then when Hank migrated to Oklahoma the chorus grew louder and louder. I had never up to that time received any communication from Hank showing his desire to play us.

Cob Burnside and some of the Kansas alumni took it up with me and I told them if Hank would write me he would perhaps get a game or so. Hank did write and we dedicated the fieldhouse at Stillwater when I had a straight sophomore team and when Ralph Miller had a ruptured cartilage. You doubtless will remember that we lost both games and we did not have a veteran team. Those were the first contacts that we had, and I took on two games at Stillwater to one at Lawrence to open the encounters.

Well, we played them each year, both at home and away, but you could easily see that we weren't much afraid of our record when we were willing to play two for one.

Up until last year we had never won at Stillwater, and the Aggies had never won at Lawrence, but we were fortunate to upset the tradition at Stillwater. We have met the Aggies three times on a neutral court, once in Oklahoma City and twice in Kansas City in play-off tournaments, and each time Kansas has won. In other words, the Oklahoma Aggies under Hank have never won on a neutral court and have lost three times and have never won at Lawrence while we have at Stillwater. The series now