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Dear Phog:

I am very much interested in the contents of your letter of January 17.

The question of uniformity of officiating ought to have an important place on the agenda of our annual meeting. Whether a discussion of the problem would produce any concrete solution may be open to doubt, but that doubt does not justify ignoring the issue. It is possible that a plan could be devised, or at least suggestions made, looking toward and bringing about real improvement in our officiating throughout the country.

It is my opinion that there has been a definite advance in the last few years in the matter of uniformity of interpretation and administration of the rules. This has come about through increased intersectional games, through more detailed and more widespread printed interpretations, and through the individual efforts of members of our committee. I am hopeful that the championship games among the colleges planned for the first time this year will be productive of good results, although I am not in touch with the plans for those events and do not know how they are progressing.

I am thinking of taking a trip across the country this summer and have given some thought to stopping off at a few of the summer coaching schools if any of them would be interested in having me take part in a discussion of the rules and their interpretation. It is possible, however, that by the time I have been able to make a decision about the trip it will be too late to make arrangements with any of the schools. Do you think anything could be accomplished in this way?

Sincerely yours,

Oswald Tower