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My dear Phog:

Thanks for your good letter of March 17th and the comments appended thereto.

Personally I have missed you very much from the rules committee because you always had a stimulating viewpoint and yet were willing to give and take when it was necessary to do so to keep harmony on the committee. I rather think that this will be my last year on the rules committee as I have a number of times reached the point where I thought things were done to keep somebody good natured rather than because logic dictated the action.

I would like to raise a question about fouls since I am not sure that we understand each other. Your list says that you played 23 games in 1944 with 12.78 fouls per game and 17 games in 1945 with 16 fouls per game.

The thing I am not certain about is whether or not fouls per game are for the University of Kansas or for both teams. The reason I am raising the question is that such returns as I have indicate that thirteen and sixteen fouls per game for both teams is very very low and I am therefore raising the question. Will you kindly write me upon receipt of this letter using the enclosed air mail envelope so that I can get the figures correct.

The figures are quite enlightening and yet I dare say the rules committee will pay no attention to them. I have reports on over 150 college games and on over 1,000 high school games and the figures all show an increase in fouls in 1945 over 1944. I haven't yet applied statistical methods to the figures but I am certain that when I do it will indicate that the increase is not only an apparent increase but a real increase and therefore the committee will have to accept the responsibility for making the game a rougher one by increasing from four to five fouls.

However, my best guess is that the committee will refuse to reduce the number from five to four because to do so would mean that a number of coaches would be forced to do a little more coaching in regard to some of the finer points of the game and maybe take out some of the slam bang tactics that they now employ.