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Mr. M. F. Ahearn,
Director of Athletics,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Friend Mike:

There has been much insinuation and innuendo coming out of Norman, Oklahoma, reflecting upon the actions of the basketball coach of the University of Kansas regarding some questionable procedure in his relationship with Gerald Tucker, the basketball player of Winfield, Kansas, high school who matriculated at Kansas State and who later migrated from Kansas State to the University of Oklahoma.

I sincerely trust that before you give the green light of permission to Tucker to compete at Oklahoma that you will grant Mr. Lawrence "Jap" Haskell's request and call an open meeting at which are present Jack Gardner, the basketball Coach at Kansas State, Bruce Drake, basketball coach at Oklahoma, and myself, and Gerald Tucker any newspaper men who desire to attend.

All I ever promised Gerald Tucker was three tough years of competition from Kansas. He stated to me that he was going to attend the University of Oklahoma and this is the reply that I gave him.

The rules and regulations governing athletics and all participation of the M.V.I.A.A., the Big Six, are crystal clear. There certainly is no ambiguity regarding the resident rule and the migrant rule. Gerald Tucker is a migrant athlete because he migrated from Kansas State to Oklahoma, and according to the rule he violated the migrant athletic regulation. The fact that his first semester was spent at Kansas State (by enrolling and residing there for over four weeks) would make him unable to participate as a regularly enrolled one year man until the end of the present semester. Therefore, the five games that he played in against Southern Methodist, Bradley, DePaul and the two other eastern teams, show that he has participated in five games illegally. He played in five games before he was eligible by the Big Six regulations. Non-conference games count in participation records the same as conference games.

Neither Gerald Tucker nor the University of Oklahoma sought the permission that the Big Six regulations point out that a migrant athlete should seek. Personally I would not want to see Gerald Tucker barred from his participation. Neither would I want to see him take advantage of one semester of participation as he has