

Detroit, Michigan.
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Dear Phog:

I was very sorry when I got home this evening to find your letter of Dec. 4th saying that you would not stop in Detroit for reasons mentioned. Please reconsider. You have my letter written Sunday and posted this morning, telling of plans we have made to have you come. The detail of practice here I have now made. The down town Y.M.C.A. gym will be open to the team the morning of Dec. 24th from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. They would like to have the team off the floor by noon. The "Y" will be delighted to have you and the only cost will be that for towels when the boys go to the showers. Their physical director, George Gillesby, said to me "Phog Allen is the foremost basketball coach in the country. His teams are always pulling something new. He has written a book on basketball which I have. Will you ask him if it will be OK for some of our boys to watch the team work out?" So that's how you stand there. I asked him about a work out on the evening of the 23rd. Their gym will not be available then but I am sure I can get the DAC gym which is less than a block away or if not there are plenty of school gyms, - Wayne University is nearest, which will be open then.

When the subject first came up of your coming to Detroit I thought of it first only in terms of having you and the boys at an alumni meeting. I went over the proposition as carefully as I could and I am sure that a meeting held so near to Xmas would not be a success. It did not occur to me at the time that some of us could arrange to meet you anyway and that the advent of the team stopping in Detroit would create additional interest in KU in our alumni group here. You will be coming thru Detroit anyway on your way to Buffalo, or at least you can, and it seems to me that you will be doing both the school and our association up here a service to let us play host to you and the team. There is no question as to my finding the time or getting the help to take care of everything. As a salesman my time is pretty much my own and there is little doing in ~~XXXXXX~~ my line at that time. Moreover I have taken no vacation this year and if I want to take two full days off while you are here I ~~XXX~~ have my company's full permission to do so. As to gas, I am saving 100 miles to use on the team while you are here. This will be part of the 18 gallons I filled the tank up with before rationing took effect. I am sure Lovett can get us permission to go thru the Ford plant if you would like to see it and Bob Mosby said he could get us in the tank plant. *(I have both A & C books. - be vis of C)*

So, reconsider this thing Phog, and decide to spend the night of the 23rd and 24th with us. If you do, which I am sure you should, would you write Geo. Gillesby of the "Y" and tell him that you are coming? He would like to get a line from you and moreover he wants to put a notice of it in the "Y" local paper and put it on the bulleting board.

I want also to get some publicity on your stop ^{for} from the local papers. I have friends on the News and one of our alumni, S. Lee Bowers, fs'32, is on the Detroit Times. I wonder if you could send me three small pictures of