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Mr. Ned Irish,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

Thank you for your very good letter of the first instant. Please understand that I fully realize that it is necessary for you to allocate these dates to the various schools and for them to arrange their schedules accordingly. I also realize that these teams which have been playing traditional opponents year in and year out are the ones to be considered.

It was just a thought I had of planning a schedule with Henry Iba that caused me to think about going east. I have never believed that the team could learn many fundamentals while playing a traveling schedule. Personally, I have experienced the best teams when I have stayed home during Christmas vacation and worked on fundamentals. And too, after a long trip, I have always noticed that a team generally slumped when they got back home.

For that reason I have never been enthusiastic about making a long trip and then jumping into a conference schedule. Personally, I would much rather win my conference championship than to have an all-victorious team outside of the conference.

For that reason, Ned, I wanted to play an early schedule if I made a trip, and then get back in time to readjust ourselves. So it is with no idea of disappointment that I am deciding not to make the trip east this coming year. Maybe in another year we will be in a better position to negotiate the trip. Many of my boys were sophomores, and they should be much better with seasoning.

Thanking you for your very courteous treatment at all times, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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