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Dear Red:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of September 14th, I talked to Gale McGee and Bill Harrison about HR 9096. Joe Hickey is in Europe with the Inter-Parliamentary Union so that I could not talk to him.

The House of Representatives may consider this matter today and if so I may be in a position to pen a postscript. I find the small sampling I have taken to be sympathetic to your point of view.

I appreciate very much the football tickets. In the same mail with your letter came one from a friend of mine in Salt Lake City who is arranging the testimonial indicating that I have been invited by the President of Utah University to sit in his box during the game. I am responding today saying that "my heart belongs to Wyoming".

Sincerely,

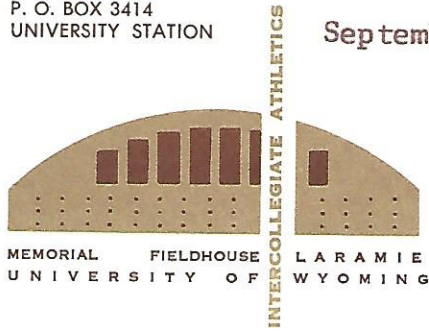
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Mr. Mike Manatos  
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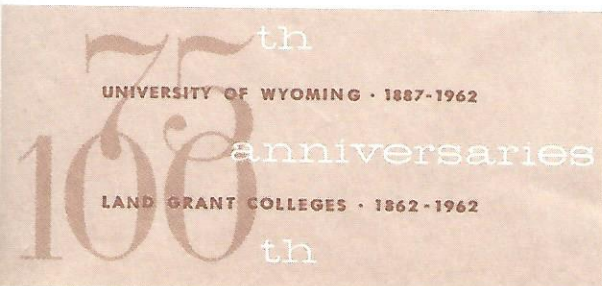
Dear Mike:

It was certainly nice to talk with you this morning and to know that things are going so well with you.

I am enclosing the two Utah tickets for our game in Salt Lake City on October 28. Our team will be staying at the Hotel Temple Square and I certainly hope to see you if only for a few minutes when you and your girl friend get over there.

To restate the issue we discussed during our telephone conversation, the Professional Football Leagues are attempting now to support some type of national legislation relative to television games. The present Bill which I understand will appear on the floor of both the House and Senate within the next few days indicates that professional football will not be televised between the hours of twelve noon and 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays during the season. Our position is that we want to amend this to change the hours to read from twelve noon on Saturday to twelve midnight on Saturday. The reason here being that a great majority of our college football games in part of the country other than Wyoming are played on Saturday night and feel definitely if the Pros schedule their games on Saturday night on national television, it would be very detrimental to the colleges.

The second portion of the Bill defines the season starting with the second Saturday of September and ending with the last Saturday in November. It is our desire to amend this portion of the Bill to read starting with the second Saturday in September and ending with the second Saturday in December. As you well know most of our traditional college football games are played on the first and second Saturdays of December each year. You indicated to me that you would be more than happy to discuss this problem with Gale McGee, Joe Hickey and Bill Harrison. I am sure they share our desire to keep intercollegiate football and other sports enthusiastically supported by a majority of the thinking people in this country. It is very apparent if the professional leagues push through the legislation indicated it would only be a matter of



time until intercollegiate sports end up down the drain. I would certainly appreciate any thing you might do in this respect.

Another point which we discussed was the desire of Coach Bob Devaney to be invited to take part in a Clinic, preferably in Japan. The Air Force and Army installations in that area traditionally invite outstanding football personalities, primarily coaches, to hold clinics during the summer months. Bob has been invited and taken part in clinics in the European area and I think it would be a fine move if we could gain him the recognition of conducting a football clinic in the area of his choice. Anything you can do to help this along would certainly be greatly appreciated.

Warm personal regards and will see you in Salt Lake City.

Sincerely yours,



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Director of Athletics

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### SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1961

TO: Faculty Representatives and Athletic Directors of Member Institutions;  
Officers of Allied and Affiliated Organizations.

SUBJECT: Federal Legislation to Help College Football.

The Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives has reported favorably on a bill which would provide college football vital protection from the telecasts of professional football games. This proposed legislation now is before the full House; the bill is identified as H.R. 9096; Section 3 specifies that professional football teams may not enter into any joint agreement which permits

"the telecasting of all or a substantial part of any professional football game on any Friday after six o'clock p.m., or any Saturday\* during the period beginning on the second Friday in September and ending on the second Saturday in December in any year from any telecasting station located within 75 miles of the game site of any intercollegiate football contest scheduled to be played on such date if --

- (1) Such intercollegiate football contest is between institutions of higher learning both of which confer degrees upon students following completion of sufficient credit hours to equal a four-year course, and
- (2) Such intercollegiate football contest and such game site were announced through publication in a daily newspaper of general circulation prior to March 1 of such year as being regularly scheduled for such day and place."

\* - This represents 24-hour protection on Saturday.

We urge all of our member institutions to telegraph or write (airmail special delivery) to their Congressmen expressing appreciation for the action of the House Judiciary Committee and urging their support of Section 3, without amendment, on the floor of the House.

Possibly efforts will be made to amend the foregoing language by shortening the length of the season protected or eliminating the protection for night games. It is important for the welfare of college football that we resist fully any such suggestion. Your help and cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated.

WALTER BYERS

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Dear Mike -

Here is the latest dope on  
Football TV - Hope you can give  
us some help with Mc Gee - Hickey  
& Harrison in this matter - Best  
regards -

Red J.