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April 19, 1976

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Your memory of the incident in the Georgia Tech-Michigan game is a bit better than mine. However, I am certain that during the game there were "some words passed between us." That was frequently the case between a center and the opposing guards. I suspect it still happens although in our day probably more often with players playing both offense and defense.

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Mr. E. Davis Wilcox
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If you see Bobby Dodd, give him my best.

Warmest best wishes,

JERRY FORD

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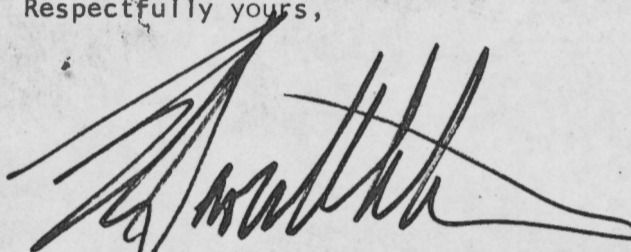
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President Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. President:

I enclose a copy of my letter to Bobby Dodd in answer to his query, a tabbed "Sports Illustrated" magazine and a clipping from my firm's brochure which evidences my identity.

As we age, Mr. Ford, our memories of the past may become embellished, inaccurate or even contradictory. If my accounting of incidents of the 1934 Michigan-Tech game require repudiation please furnish Bobby Dodd or me with your clarification.

Respectfully yours,



E. Davis Wilcox

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cc: Mr. Bobby Dodd

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Mr. Robert L. Dodd
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Bobby, I am responding to your secretaries request for my remembrance of the 1934 Michigan-Tech game.

None of us will have forgotten the trade of our end for Michigan's black end named, I believe Ward, nor the endless booing we were accorded.

Three instances of a personal nature are well remembered by me. I intercepted the one and only pass of my career and also missed a field goal attempt which was not unique for me.

Our President was involved with the third incident which I'll relate. I kicked-off to commence the second half and continued down field. Jerry Ford was stationed in my path and was crouched so extremely low that I was determined to hurdle him. Unfortunately, Ford raised his face to be implanted with my shoe as I went over him. He chased me down field where the ball had been downed near Michigan's goal line at which point some words were passed between us. Ford, talking across the line, vowed that they would run over my position the next series of plays. With my brother, John, backing up the line and those aside me, we held until they were forced to kick on the fourth down. As soon as the game was over, Jerry Ford and I congratulated each other, shook hands and parted as friends.

Bobby, the occasion of a guard being knocked out happened in a Kentucky game. Kerchereale was kicking us to death. The "Old Man" decided to attempt a field goal which was normally my chore, however at that time I was led off the field for I didn't know where to line-up. Incidentally, John tried the field goal and missed.

I trust that our Honorable President will forgive my familiar use of his name.

Please tell Alice and your children of the enjoyment which my sons and I found with our companionship on the occasion of the celebration to your honor.

Sincerely,

Dave Wilcox

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cc: President Gerald Ford

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