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Mr. Forrest C. Allen Director of Physical Education University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Allen:

The fourth annual College All-Star Basketball Game will be held at the Chicago Stadium on Friday, December 3, 1943. The Washington Bears, winners of the world's championship tournament held at Chicago last March, will be the opposition of the All-Star selections; and present indications are that all previous records for interest and attendance will be shattered.

As you doubtless will recall, you and the other members of the All-America Basketball Board who have nominated and elected the All-Stars each year, have done your job so well that the All-Stars have in the past three seasons defeated the world's professional champions.

This year your task is more difficult and we will have to vary a bit from past procedure. In former years we received your nominations and had you polled three times until the list was pared down to squad size. This season, due to the fact that practically all of the basketball players deserving of consideration are either in the armed forces or are taking special courses at college, the rule has been altered to permit the selection of not only any man who graduated from college last year, but any man currently attending school who deserves selection as an All-Star.

We are going to find it necessary to make a direct approach to the player immediately after selection in an effort to secure necessary furlough or leave. Hence, this original letter will be your only vote on the selections.

We are enclosing herewith a list of players who have thus far received nomination and will ask you to kindly put a cross alongside fifteen of those whom you would care to select. Feel free, please, to add any names to this list who have not already been nominated; and when adding names, please advise, if possible, school and where said player may be reached.

I know this is going to take a few moments of your time, but feel certain that we may count upon you for the same interest and cooperation that you have shown in the past.

Sincerely,

HARRY D. WILSON, Director

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