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Dear Doctor:

I hope you will pardon the delay in my answering your letter of February 19, but I have been out of the city most of the time since then and it has seemed as if I would never have time to take care of any of my personal correspondence.

Since we are not now taking any Kansas City or Lawrence papers, it is rather difficult to follow the activities of basketball in the Big Six, so I always just assume that you are winning another championship. I am glad that the wire that was sent to you was of some assistance and I can see you now in the dressing room before the Oklahoma game, as, of course, I can still see you in the game that we had in Columbia in 1923.

From all reports, you are gathering together a good organization which should be ready to go for the 1940 Olympics. It is hard for people from Indiana, Wisconsin, and other states up here to realize that basketball is played any place but in this locality, so it would give me a great kick if your gang would come up here sometime and show them how the game of basketball should be played. I personally believe that you could take these Indiana boys because they always play that shinney game and want the other team to shoot it out with them; I believe that you could prevent that. As a matter of fact, I didn't get to see Purdue play this year, but Dutch Lomborg tells me that Piggy Lambert has been experimenting with a system of bringing only four men back on the defense and always leaving a "sleeper," or stationary forward, as we used to call them, in the old days, expecting the four men to handle the defense as best they can and depending on a long pass to the "sleeper" down the court. I mean that the sleeping forward would not take any part whatsoever in the defense. Dutch says that Lambert tells him that the percentage is in favor of the "sleeper" on the court. I personally am inclined to disagree with him, although I have noticed that the scores of the Big Six have been bigger than they used to be.

As I remember it, we always figured if we could get ^{over} 20 points we could ^{win} ~~pin~~ them and thinking back, it seems to me that in almost all of the games we played, we held the opponents close to 20 points. Maybe we did that because we had to