September 10, 1940

Mr. H.G. Oleon Besterbell Cooch Ohio State University Columbus, ohio

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As a matter of formal record I em attaching excorpts from minutes of the Emocutive Committee meetings bearing on disposition of natters pertaining to the beginstall toursmints

le Roccommendation of the Rules Committee for holding the 1941 tournament fimle in Enneas City, Me was approved.

2. Following a full discussion of the recommendations of the Basketball Rules Committee regarding the prorating of tournament receipts. it was voted to amond the Docoutive Regulations as follows:

> Section 4 of Division II of the Emecutive Regulations was amonded to reads

Distribution of Roseipts. The income from championship mosts and tournaments shall be applied and distributed as follows

(1) To pay the expenses of conducting and premoting the most or tournaments

(2) Ton percent of the net receipts (after deducting the expenses specified in Subdivision 1) shall be paid to the general fund of the Association.

(3) The balance of not receipts, up to the amount of the traveling empenses of competitors, may be proreted among the competing institutions. Such traveling expenses shall be limited to first class railroad fare and standard (lower berth) pullman, with no coverage for hotel bills, meals and other expenses. In the case of track and field championships the prorating for payment of traveling expenses shall be limited to point minners in the nect.

(4) Any balance of not receipts (after deduction of the items specified in Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3) shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Association and distributed by him as follows

de To repay to the general fund of the Association the amount of any deficit incurred in provious years in the sport involved.

b. If any balance remains, fifty percent thereof shall be paid to the general fund of the Association and fifty percent may be prorated to the competing institutions, on a basis determined by the rules committee of the sport and approved by the Executive Committee.

apply to the 1940 basketball tournament; and that in the case of the basketball tournament, and that in the case of the basketball tournament, playoffs and finals be dealt with, for accounting purposes, as a single tournament.

proration of receipts (under paragraph b, section (4) above) for the 1940 and 1941 basketball tournaments was approved, as follows: Such amount shall be divided into fourteen equal parts, one part going to each of the eight competing tours and an additional one part of each of the four semi-finalists and an additional one part to each of the finalists.

The full text of these actions will, of course, be published in the Bulletine

Yours Cordially.

John L. Owlersh

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I have your letter in which you give me as a formal record excerpts from the Executive Committee meetings on the disposition of matters pertaining to the basketball tournament. I want to thank you for sending on this information so promptly. Just as soon as I hear from "Phog" Allen with the final report on the Eansas City end of the tournament, I will be able to get the final report of this year's business into you.

I felt the meeting which our committee from the N.C.A.A.

Basketball Rules Committee had with the Emecutive Committee was very fine and will be productive of a lot of good. We have now a much clearer understanding of how the Emecutive Committee desires us to handle the tournament matter and we will, therefore, be able to present a much clearer picture to basketball men throughout the United States.

There is one matter however which I still think is not properly set forth in your letter of September 10. You will recall we had considerable discussion in the meeting as to the N.C.A.A. guaranteeing expenses of teams to the tournament and it was agreed that the N.C.A.A. was not going to assume any responsibility for the expenses, etc., to play-offs within any district; that these play-offs within a district which were looking forward to selecting the representative from that district would be handled by the teams involved; that they would stand the risk and that they would get any profits which came from such play-offs. As to the Western play-off and Eastern play-off and the final game however, it was my understanding we should be able to guarantee expenses of the teams which are involved.

Now, in your notations regarding the distribution of receipts, your third item dealing with the balance of not receipts states that traveling expenses, that is, first class railroad fare and standard lower berth pullman only should bepaid, that there should be no payment of hotel bills, meals and other expenses. That was not my understanding and I don't believe we should be operating on that basis in our basketball tournament. In other words, I believe there should be a slight change in this matter of distribution of receipts to conform with what, I am sure, was the understanding of our Rules Committee men with respect to item three under the general heading "Distribution of Receipts" in your letter of September 10.

I know you were endeavering to have a uniform method of accounting for all tournament events, however, I notice you do make one special citation with regard to track and field championships and it seems to me we should make another special notation with respect to the basketball tournaments which would permit the Tournament Committee to guarantee all expenses including hotel, meals, etc., instead of just railroad fare and pullman. While there is no doubt in my mind that the tournament will bring in enough revenue to the teams which compete to care for hotel and meals, still I am very sure that the Tournament Committee will find it embarrassing to talk to teams about coming into the tournament if we can't tell them flatly that we are going to guarantee all expenses to the tournament, and also hold out to them a chance of some additional income through the method of prorating which we have agreed upon.

Imagmuch as all expenses were paid in this marmer for the 1940 tournament, I would feel I would have to make my report on this year's tournament on that basis and I feel sure the 1941 tournament should be handled in this same manner.

I would appreciate some word from you as to whether this would be a proper method for us to follow.

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Vory sincerely yours,

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Copies to President Was. Owens

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The Ohio State University Columbus

Sept. 24, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I hope you approved of the point which I made in the letter to Griffith, regarding the matter of guaranteeing expenses for our Basketball Tournament. I personally feel very strongly that while the event should pay out in such a way as to give them expenses or more under the set-up as outlined by him, still it will hamper us considerably to have to argue about the point. We have to be able to say "we guarantee".

I hope you will find it convenient pretty soon to send along the last part of your report so I can get this whole thing cleaned up with Griffith.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

H.G. Olsen Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee

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MATIONAL BASHETBALL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Sept. 30, 1940

Mr. F. C. Allen, Decketball Coach, Ransas University, Lawrence, Ransas,

Door Mr. Allon.

I have just received a copy of the letter from you to Mr. Olsen, also copy of the letter from Mr. Olsen to you, and letter from you to me.

When I received statement from Mr. Griffith, I did not write him or either you or Mr. Olsen, as I wished to hear from you first. The following is my understanding in regard to the agreement made between the N.C.A.A. executive committee and you, Mr. Olsen, and myself.

Pirst: that the N.C.A.A. would guarantee the expenses of all the teams participating in any of the games, either in Bastern playoff, Western playoff, or final game; such expense, of course, to include not only traveling expenses but hotel, meals, taxi, and any other necessary expense.

Second: distribution of receipts of games would be thus:

let. 10% (ton per cent) of the amount remaining after deducting the expenses of conducting the several tournaments from the total receipts, to go to the N.C.A.A. (The amount to be deducted not to include team expenses.)

2nd. From the amount remaining after the above, team expenses to be deducted. (Team expenses to include not only traveling expenses but also hotel, meals, taxi and any other necessary expense.)

3rd. The amount remaining after the two above deductions to be distributed as follows: 50% to the N.C.A.A. and 50% to the competing teams.

Please inform me by return mail of your understanding of this agree-

Mrs. St. Clair is doing fairly well and Trib is fine. Mindest personal regards.

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Mr. Merold G. Oleon Basketball Loach Obio State University Columbus, Ohio

Dear Oles

I just received your urgent communication and I am air-mailing a reply so that you will get it at the earliest possible moment.

You know, Ole, I will agree to most anything for the sake of harmony and compatibility, but I think after we had a elear out-and-out understanding with those people and then for them to come back with the statement that they did, that it can hurdly be charged to misunderstanding or even neglect. The way that it was worded made me definitely feel that while they were trying to make a rule that would apply to everything, it was definitely orippling our sports so that we could not have gone through with another tournament with anything but a failure sign teched to it before we started.

For that reason I think we had better guard our tournament all that we can eince basketball has made money and will make money everywhere we play it, if we use any reasonable course in a fair degree of business acumen. Then I think we had better out out this \$5.00 per day and let it go that they will pay expenses. I realise there will be some abuses, as was shown by Colorado and Rice. That was unfair. On the other hand, Clevenger needed Dro and another one of the boys to make connections for his southern trip in beseball, and we paid the expenses of those boys from Kansas City to the point of their destination. Now maybe there are some people who would say that was unfair, but if we are going to make our tournament a success we cannot split pennies, especially when we are multing dellars.

I am going to be perfectly frank with you, as I have always been, but I think we need to protect our tournament; if not, I think we had better give it up. I am not hardboiled, and I do not want to make any money for anybody but the NeCelele and our basketball tournament.

I am frank to say to you that when I got the copy of Major Griffith's letter I was ready to sing the last swan song, but I held it and said nothing. I am glad that I did because you are presenting it in such a way that I know you will protect the tournament, if it is within your power. For that reason I am not in favor of giving up this point, -that must of necessity be retained to make our tournament what you and the rest of us who worked so herd hope to make it.

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach

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October 18, 1940 Chancellor Deane W. Malott Frank Strong Hall University of Hansas Dear Chancellor Halotts I am enclosing carbon copies of my correspondence with Mr. G.F. Alcott, one of the important executives of the State Parm Insurance Company, Bloomington, Illinois. Since you mentioned once that there are possibilities of having a field house, if someone would build it, I thought I would pass this correspondence on to you for your judgment. Very cordially yours, Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Dasketball Coach FCA:1g Encs cc: Mr. Ellsworth

Dr. Forrest Allen Director of Athletics University of Kansas Laurence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The game of basketball is probably played and watched by more people than any other game in America. Having been originated by Dr. Naismith, I feel that it is proper that a memorial be erected in his memory. I feel that this would be the wish of the millions of men and women who play, coach, or watch the game. It is fitting and proper that this memorial be the most modern and beautiful basketball gymnasium ever built in America, and the proper place for it is the University of Kansas campus, where he spent so many years.

I believe that such a gymnaisum could be built at no expense to Kansas, by having every willing basketball team in America play one home game as a memorial game for Dr. Naismith, under the auspices of the Naismith Memorial Committee-giving a portion of the gate receipts to the fund. In this way no individual would be asked to contribute a penny. It would cost the teams little if anything, for by featuring the game as the "Naismith Memorial Game" the added attendance should increase the receipts by the small portion to be given.

Time is too short to do it this season, for quite a bit of planning should be done. The committee should have several nationally prominent educators and coaches on it. The idea should be sold leading sports writers and coaches. Much of the publicity could be handled by the Journalism school at Kansas University, and the mailing and correspondence should furnish employment for several students.

Suitable plaques or certificates should be given schools or organizations whose teams take part in the project.

The game of basketball has touched and is touching the lives of so many thousands that teams--school, high school, college, university, semi-pro, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and professional--could, I feel sure, be interested in the undertaking; and the money raised by each team, be it large or small, would reach a large total and make such a gymnasium possible.

I am a Kansan, and graduated from Chanute High School in 1921. I attended the College of Emporia and Washburn College, though never had the privilege of attending the University. My wife is a Baker graduate. I have discussed this plan with several Kansas University alumni, a few newspaper men, and coaches and find them all very favorable to it.

July 31, 1940 Page #2 Dr. Forrest Allen Summed up, a man who originated a game which has touched the lives of so many deserves a memorial for all time. There could be no more fitting memorial than one such as I suggest, and no more fitting location for it than at the University of Kansas. This method of obtaining the necessary money would work no hardship on any one and I feel sure would have the full support of the besketball world. I shall appreciate hearing from you. Sincerely, G. F. Alcott 1206 E. Jorren Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your splendid letter of August 3rd.

Yes, your old friend, Brick Young is still here. He is sports editor of the local paper, and does quite a bit of service as a sport's official. He tells me that in years past he has worked some of the Kansas-Missouri games.

Mr. Young is one of those with whom I have talked on the subject. He feels that it is entirely possible, and a worthy undertaking. He tells me that he can be counted on for any publicity or service that he can render. Mr. Young has quite a file on Dr. Naismith and the evolution of basketball, and gives talks on the subject.

I have been gone much of the week, and will be in Chicago a good portion of the coming week. However by the end of that time I will have an opportunity to write you more fully on my ideas and suggestions, for your consideration.

My wife worked as a secretary to a Baker faculty man, who was secretary to the Kansas Conference while she was in school. She handled the eligibility lists of players in Kansas Conference schools, and says that she recalls the picture of the team you coached there.

While in school one summer at Emporia, I roomed with an ex-K.U. player, and I believe captain—Herbert "Scoop" Olson. He was assistant city engineer, and we were at the Y.M.C.A. for the summer. I believe he married that fall, but I do not know where he is now.

If he is in town, I hope to get the opinion of Dutch Lonberg while in Chicago next week.

Sincerely,

G. F. Alcott, 1206 E. Jefferson St. Bloomington, Illinois.

August 16, 1940 Mr. G. F. Alcott 1206 E. Jefferson Street Bloomington, Illinois Dear Mr. Alcott: Your letter of August 9 addressed to Dr. Forrest C. Allen arrived at his office after he had left for the University of Texas. He expects to be there until tomorrow, the 17th, for a short basketball coaching clinic. The following week he will be in Topeka for the Kansas High School Coaching School. As soon as Dr. Allen returns to the office your letter will be brought to his attention. Sincerely yours, Secretary to Dr. F. C. Allen

Mr. G.F. Alcott

1206 E. Jofferson

Bloomington, Illinois

Door In. Alcott;

Iour good letter of August 9 was asknowledged by my secretary, in which she explained that I was away from the office on my summer vacation.

I left for the University of Texas to teach a short course in their basketball clinic there, then the following week I was in Topeka, Kansas with the Kansas State High School Coaching School. From there I went to Louisville and then to Chicago to attend a meeting of the National Collegiate Executive Committee. We were discussing the National Collegiate Basketball Tournament.

man, I am wondering if that could be C.S. Parmenter. He was a grand fellow.

It happened he was a son-in-law of Bishop Quail, another outstanding gentleman.

I was happy indeed to hear from Brick Young and to know of your association with Herbert "Scoop" Olson. Yes, he played on my team and I was quite fond of him.

I have some speaking engagements in Ohio and Wisconsin the early part of November. If it is at all possible, I will make it a point to drop by and see if we can have a conference.

I am passing on your information to our Chancellor, Deane W. Malott; and our Alumni Secretary, Fred Ellsworth. I would like very much to get their opinion on the Maismith Memorial idea.

You will hear from me in the event I can make connections.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation Varsity Basketball Coach Chancellor Deane W. Malott, University of Mansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I should like to have your reaction on the enclosed letter before I write to the Neismith Memorial Committee. Do you suggest that I accept membership on this honorary committee?

I recall that you told me a year ago if we won the basketball championship we would have a field house. We won the championship - and what more fitting tribute could there be in honor of Dr. Naismith.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

April 30, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc":

This will acknowledge your letter of April 25. The recommendation of our Tournament Committee with respect to the division of receipts from our N.C.A.A. tournament and the disposition of the money which would go to the N.C.A.A. is still very clear in my mind. The letter which Olsen sent to each of the district chairmen this season contained a part of this recommendation.

Since receiving your letter I have taken occasion to discuss in detail this whole matter with Bill Owens and also to go over carefully the executive regulations of the N.C.A.A. I find that the regulations of our Committee are in conflict with the regulations of the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. in these particulars: 1. Funds may not be earmarked for any specific sport. Boxing, in the past, has requested the same arrangement as contained in our recommendation to the Executive Committee. 2. No sums from the income of tournaments or meets may be allocated to the Olympic fund, except as the Olympic Fund Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee may direct. 3. Funds may not be pro-rated to competing teams except for actual expenses. 4. All funds are supposed to be deposited in the general fund of the N.C.A.A. without any restrictions or reservations placed on them.

In view of the above, I can see how the Executive Committee did oppose our recommendation. It is my guess that our recommendation, unfortunately, has never been submitted to the Executive Committee. This, of course, is a weakness on our part and leaves us open for criticism. It was my impression that our Basketball Rules Committee was given a full report by the Tournament Committee and that they approved the report. However, I have been unable to find any minutes substantiating this recollection.

Since we have sent out information to the schools in the N.C.A.A., and particularly to those which have competed in the tournaments, I feel that we will be placed in an embarrassing position if the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee does not permit us to keep faith with these schools, in spite of our negligence. It would be my opinion that unless the schools concerned would recognize our error and agree to abide by the regular N.C.A.A. rules, we should make a disposition of our funds for this year in accordance with the recommendations which were drawn up by our Tournament Committee, and that hereafter the whole matter should be cleared through the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee.

Bill Owens, while pointing out the N.C.A.A. regulations, maintains an open mind with respect to the whole matter and is eager to have representatives from the Basketball Committee present their case at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. It seems to me that this is a very fair procedure, and I suggest that it be carried through in accordance with Bill Owens' recommendation.

You may recall that I was not in favor of the pro-rating of moneys to the competing schools over and above their expenses, but that I agreed to the recommendation in view of the fact that we were attempting to off-set the influence of the Madison Square Garden and the Liston tournaments. It was our feeling that when we had defeated these two projects, then we could make other adjustments of our finances. I still hold this opinion.

Now with reference to Kansas' competing in Madison Square Garden. You know, of course, that I have never concurred with your views or those of the Big Six Conference on the matter of competition off of the campus of one of the competing universities. Madison Square Garden represents the only place that many of the schools in New York can play. Regardless of the money angle, so long as expenses can be paid and so long as the games are conducted on a high plane, then I can't see how anyone could object to such competition. My stanford team received much better treatment in Madison Square Garden than it did in several other places where we competed. The N.C.A.A. has no objection to this type of competition. As a matter of fact, Bill Owens told me recently that, in view of the fact that Madison Square Garden represents the home court of those New York teams, he could see no objection to playing there. I know that the members of the Eastern Intercollegiate from upon this competition and that they refuse to take their own teams into the Garden. This is because they have their own courts and also because they look askance at the personnel of some of the teams in New York City. It is rather interesting to note, however, that some of the Eastern Intercollegiate teams have played in public halls. I have a feeling, therefore, that there is a bit of jealously and aloofness behind their reasoning.

Cordially yours,

(signed) John W. Bunn

Chancellor Deane W. Malott, University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I dislike to bother you with correspondence that is not vital. There has been some misunderstanding regarding my position in obtaining for the University of Kansas the share of money that I felt we were entitled to from the N.C.A.A. I am sending you these letters to dispel any such notion.

"Ole", referred to, is H. G. Olsen, chairman of the tournament committee, of Ohio State University. President Owens, is Wm. B. Owens, a teacher of law at Stanford University. Edmundson is at the University of Washington, Seattle, St. Clair is at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and Professor May is at the University of Oregon.

In John Bunn's letter he refers to the fact that our chairman, Mr. Olsen, unfortunately had never submitted his report to the executive committee of the N.C.A.A. The weakness on our part, that he refers to, was the failure of the chairman to do the job. The men who are in authority in the N.C.A.A. are L.W. St. John, of Ohio State University, where Mr. Olsen is located, and Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of the Big Ten.

I have given you these names and positions so that you might have a better understanding of the letters. I made a very definite and strenuous effort to get for the University of Kansas our share of the gate receipts of the Western play-offin Kansas City, and also the National play-off. To date that effort has been unavailing.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Mr. John Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
California

Dear John:

We are still paying bills and settling up loose ends of accounts in connection with the Kansas City tournament, and I have been so crowded for some time that I have been able to write you sooner.

A couple of weeks ago I sent Ole a check for \$5,000, and while he was here I gave him a check for \$250. So that makes a total of \$5,250 to Olsen. My idea was that we should give the N.C.A.A. perhaps \$7,500. You will recall, Johnny, that Ole told you that this money could be earmarked for basketball. When President Bill Owens came to Kansas City, together with Mr. May of Washington, we were told that this money could not be earmarked for basketball. Ole said, "Well, that is news to me."

You remember right after the Olympics the N.C.A.A. committee had an agreement with the A.A.U. wherein they agreed that if the A.A.U. would permit them to have the college coaches for track and field, drew, swimming and wrestling, the A.A.U. could have the coaches of the other sports. That means that they sold basketball down the river just after we got in the Olympic Games, and of course this was done to benefit the N.C.A.A. in these four above-mentioned sports. Now, when basketball comes along and makes some money, and plenty of it, the officers state that this money cannot be earmerked for basketball.

President Owens let it be known that the N.C.A.A. expected to take all the profit and that it was rather an unusual request to think that the colleges would get any of the money. I stood up and battled it up one side and down the other. Naturally, Ole in his position, could not do much. Edmundson, St. Clair, Olsen, May, Owens and I were in the conference. Of course, I drew some fire.

Confidentially, I told President Owens that I would go to Madison Square Garden where we could get the most money. And that is exactly why I am going to the Garden. I wanted you to know about this, and I would like for you to write me in confidence what your reactions are.

I thought that in the eastern division play-off they should take their money and cut it four ways for the four competing teams, and in our

western play-off we should divide the profits four ways among the competing teams, after deducting a sizeable sum for the N.C.A.A., and then for the final play-ff we could still have a larger cut for the two competing teams, with the N.C.A.A. getting their cut. What Ole proposed was to take the ten teams, the four eastern and the four western, and the two finalists, and give the N.C.A.A. quite a sum and then cut the remainder ten ways. Frankly, I don't think they made much money at Indianapolis, and it looks to me as if we again are the angels.

The whole matter hasn't been decided yet, and at our conference with President Owens, Mr. May and the rest of the group, we didn't get anywhere.

I shall be glad to have your confidential reactions to the whole situation.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

STAILFORD UNITVERSITY

April 30, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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The are still paying bills and settling up loose ends of accounts in connection with the Kunsas City tournament, and I have been so crowded for some time that I have been unable to write you somer.

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You remember right after the Olympics the N.C.A.A. committee had an agreement with the A.A.U. wherein they agreed that if the A.A.U. would permit them to have the college coaches for track and field, drew, simming and wrestling, the A.A.U. could have the coaches of the other sports. That means that they sold basketball down the river just after we got in the Olympic Games, and of course this was done to benefit the N.C.A.A. in these four above-mentioned sports. Now, when basketball comes along and makes some money, and plenty of it, the officers state that this money cannot be earmarked for basketball.

President Owens let it be known that the N.C.A.A. expected to take all the profit and that it was rather an unusual request to think that the colleges would get any of the money. I stood up and battled it up one side and down the other. Naturally, Ole in his position, could not do much. Edmundson, St. Clair, Olsen, May, Owens and I were in the conference. Of course, I drew some fire.

Now we are in a bad spot because the N.C.A.A. wants all of the money. President Owens especially said that we have Ned Irish whipped, and I said, "You just think you have got him whipped, because most of the college coaches in the country would resent the N.C.A.A. taking the money and letting the boys and the athletic associations of the schools interested play for expenses alone." When we agreed that the N.C.A.A. get 20% of these tournaments we were just giving the N.C.A.A. samething to start on. In my mind, the competing teams should certainly get a part of it.

Confidentially, I told President Owens that I would go to Madison Square Garden where we could get the most money. And that is exactly why I am going to the Garden. I wanted you to know about this, and I would like for you to write me in confidence what your reactions are.

I thought that in the eastern division play-off they should take their money and cut it four ways for the four competing teams, and in our

western play-off we should divide the profits four ways among the competing teems, after deducting a sizeable sum for the N.C.A.A., and then for the final play-off we could still have a larger out for the two competing teems, with the N.C.A.A. getting their cut. What Ole proposed was to take the ten teams, the four eastern and the four western, and the two finalists, and give the N.C.A.A. quite a sum and them cut the remainder ten ways. Frankly, I don't think they made much money at Indianapolis, and it looks to me as if we again are the angels.

This whole natter hasn't been decided yet, and at our conference with President Owens, Mr. May and the rest of the group, we didn't get anywhere.

I shall be glad to have your confidential reactions to the whole situation.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation, Varsity Basketball Coach.

Professor Guy W. Smith, Department of Mathematics, University of Kansas.

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