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Chancellor Deane W. Malott  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Chancellor Malott:

I am writing you a progress report concerning the disposition of funds of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Western and National Basketball Tournament, which was played in Kansas City last March 22, 23 and March 30. There were total cash receipts of \$22,829.55, and a net profit of nearly \$10,000 accruing from these games.

In some quarters there has been a misunderstanding that perhaps I, as managing director of the tournament and also as coach of the Kansas team, had not prosecuted the interests of our own University Athletic Association as vigorously as I might have in keeping with my position here at the University.

I am sending you the correspondence between the different officers and the chairmen of the committee to show you that the "big wigs" are the boys who want to keep the money. You can see by the enclosed leaflets the names of the officers and perhaps get well enough acquainted with the general set-up to learn their identity. Upon every occasion I have prosecuted the case quite vigorously. It looks as if we may get \$500.00 as our share, but that is still undetermined at present.

Our tournament committee, composed of Mr. Harold Olsen, Chairman, Ohio State University; Mr. J.W. St. Clair, Southern Methodist University and myself, met with the Executive Committee in Chicago on September 6 and 7. You will see by our communication dated September 6 that we proposed the participants get some of the money. The Executive Committee did not agree with our committee, contending that the schools had no right to any of the money; that the money should be expended by the officers of the Executive Committee who handled all sports. Thereupon I offered my resignation as manager of the tournament, and also as an officer of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. I stated that I did not care to be associated any further with the enterprise because I had made certain commitments predicated upon past practices and that I found myself of no further service. My action was supported by the other two members of the committee.

The Executive Committee asked us to withdraw and await their action. We did so. Upon our return to their quarters they read an action by their group to which our committee was willing to acquiesce. On September 10 Major Griffith sent communication to Harold Olsen setting out the National Collegiate Athletic Association findings. On September 16 Mr. Olsen replied for the