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February 28, 1939

Mr. H. G. Olsen  
Basketball Coach  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Ole:

Since receiving your wire I have gone over the whole matter with Bill Owens. The conditions which you present are not exactly in accordance with the arrangements which you and I made with the fair officials when you were on the coast. Neither do they exactly agree with Bill Owens' desires.

In the first place our agreement with the fair officials was to the effect that a party of 15 would receive expenses on a second class train with an allowance of \$5.00 per day while en route and an allowance of \$5.00 per day during the time of the tournament. Bill Owens insists that a limit be placed on the amount of the expenses that will be allowed. We have done this already for the western play-off as I have just indicated. He feels that a similar arrangement should be made for the eastern play-off and for the finals in Chicago in order to prevent an exorbitant and uncalled for expense account. Since second class transportation is not available in the East you will, of course, be forced to make other arrangements in this connection. It may be that you will desire to provide the same kind of transportation for the two teams which come to Chicago in order not to discriminate between them.

I thought it best to write these points to you even though some delay was necessary. Please let me know if there are any further points in connection with this arrangement which are not now clear.

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

John Burn  
Dean of Men

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N.B. .: It was later agreed that full expenses for 15 men for all teams be allowed.