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Mr. Robert A. Cook
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News Bureau, Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Cook:

Answering your communication of the 9th instant in regard to outstanding basketball teams in this section, it is my opinion that the University of Oklahoma will have another strong team in our Big-Six Conference. Iowa State and Nebraska also are schools that are returning the majority of their better material.

Last year Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas tied for first place and in the play-off to determine an N.C.A.A. representative, Kansas won. Kansas then played Oklahoma A. and M. to determine the Fifth District Representative, because this District has two very strong conferences--the Big-Six and the Missouri Valley Conferences.

Oklahoma A. and M. looks strong again this year, as well as Creighton, another team in the Missouri Valley Conference which should be outstanding this year. Kansas lost four of her seven regulars last year so will be hard put, using sophomore material as replacement for the seniors who graduated.

I would say the outstanding teams of the Big-Six this year will probably be Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa State and Kansas, and in the Missouri Valley, I would say Oklahoma A. and M. or Drake. Doubtless you know the coaches of the schools so this information may be satisfactory.

Please give my kindest regards to Branch.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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