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Mr. Marshall J. Diebold,
Director of Athletics,
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Dear Marsh:

I am just now leaving for Corning, Iowa, where I speak at a banquet tonight. I have failed immeasurably in answering your kind communication sooner. It seems I am like an animated cartoon, traveling over the country under the guise of a speaker of some sort, and incidentally work here at the office in between stretches.

I desire to congratulate you upon the thing that you are attempting to do. I think it would be a fine thing to get the coaches and the officials together in this sort of a meeting. I believe that Nick can also be educated when he said, "We definitely can give you facts as to the abuses of this game, such as coaches definitely teaching blocking and charging, when the rules provide that the boys shouldn't even have these things in their minds."

I believe seriously that the coaches have endeavored to teach screening, but that they have done a poor job, and the result has been that the boys have indulged in blocking and charging. I cannot believe that any coach who endeavors to get anywhere would intentionally teach blocking and charging. This would be like a merchant who teaches his clerks to short change the customers. That firm wouldn't last very long.

But such a meeting as you are having will clarify a lot of these misunderstandings, even in the officials minds. I believe that we can disabuse many of the officials that we are endeavoring to do the same kind of a job that they are endeavoring to do. They feel that their work is not appreciated, and I believe that we have a right to feel that they are not appreciating the task we are endeavoring to do. This skepticism in the minds of both can be partially erased by a frank discussion of the facts between groups of officials and groups of coaches.

I am sending these questionnaires to our officials and asking that they send their comments on to you at once.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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