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Dear Mr. Allen:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending materials with your letter of May 12th. I am greatly interested in this and I may have some further comments after I have had a chance to make further study of it.

In the meantime, I think I can outline where some of the N.C.A.A. funds went. Unless I am misinformed (and I have not had occasion to check the matter carefully), \$1000.00 was allocated to Gullion, Holman, et al for use of their "research" committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association. Their "research" during the past year consisted of efforts to tear down the work of various basketball groups, including the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada. The nature of this is indicated in the enclosed report of the committee which was made at New Orleans and which the editor of the association bulletin is proposing to include in the May issue.

Along with this report I am including my comments on it. These comments were sent to the editor of the bulletin when he informed me that he was proposing to run a copy of the report. I do not know what disposition has been made of either the report or my comments since the latter were sent.

It is my opinion that some of the material in this report is so preposterous that it isn't worth much attention. However, the recent actions of most of the collegiate representatives on the National Basketball Committee were such as to indicate that they have swallowed it, hook, line and sinker, inaccuracies, misrepresentations and all. They have virtually sold the Interscholastic and Canadian groups "down the river". The situation is not good. This is unfortunate in many ways because it is my opinion that during the constructive years, the interscholastic groups and the then leaders in the collegiate group were working jointly and harmoniously toward a constantly improved game of basketball. These joint efforts now appear to be a thing of the past since the inauguration of a policy of complete college domination of the joint basketball committee and of a purging of the joint committee of anyone who is not in harmony with the efforts of a small group of the National Basketball Coaches Association to take over the functions of the joint basketball committee. Under such circumstances, the joint committee tends to become merely a rubber stamp. I can not conceive of any self-respecting constituent group tolerating such a state of affairs for any length of time.

Yours truly,

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Secretary