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Mr. Fred Ellsworth
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Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

Regarding the Naismith memorial, I was not at all sure that such a proposition could be done, but I wanted you to have the background of expressions that certain outsiders might make from time to time. The Knute Rockne Fieldhouse at South Bend was such a venture. I contributed \$25.00 to that project.

Yes, I agree with you that it would take a lot of careful and versatile engineering to get the job done. However, Springfield, Massachusetts Y.M.C.A. College is attempting to do that thing, or at least they have it in their minds. Dr. John Brown of Springfield College spoke to me about it two or three years ago. John Bunn was in the group and he expressed a very strong and emphatic opinion against Springfield doing such a thing. He stated that he thought they should not do it. So your angle might be quite logical.

However, I have a pretty definite idea that we could get quite a sum of money, but if we wanted to get into it in the same way that the United States may help England, then that is something else again. We could perhaps put it over with the final push, but that would be wild firing I will admit.

Certainly if we could get the money from one person it would be much easier and a lot better.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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