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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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You have written me recently about affairs of the Basketball Coaches Convention and I have laid the letters aside until time lost of trips from other duties could be made up.

I like the idea of having Mr. Atherton. He may be in Kansas City for the Rules Meeting and might be available. You suggested that if he couldn't be scheduled that some other outstanding G man might be selected. Have you investigated Mr. Reed, chief of the K.C. police. I understand that he is an excellent speaker. The principal objection, probably, is that he has no connection with our profession.

The relationship of the coach to the school and the public might well be discussed by your chancellor or our president both of whom are keen followers of athletics and are intimately acquainted with all of our problems. I believe either could be obtained.

Another thought comes to mind. As Convention Committee I am wondering if it is our duty or responsibility to arrange program details. We should be concerned with accommodations, - the president and his board should set up the program. Naturally, we both are interested in helping plan the best meeting this group has had, and will take over rather than to see a wash-out. Still, unless Butch shoves it off on us I hesitate to take too much responsibility. I assume he has done this by asking you to name the speaker, and you can count on me for any details in which I can help.
Better be careful, though, or you will have it all.

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I am not in favor of the proposal to play a pre-season tournament among Big Six teams.

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As chairman of the Research division of the Rules Committee you are in position to know details of the problems undergoing examination. It will be my job at the Coaches Convention to review this work. And I intend to make it only in the nature of a review. My plan is to collect the results of experiments and write up a digest of each. This summary, I think, might well be mimeographed and distributed to the members. Then, after the public reading, attention might be concentrated on specific experiments if more information is desired.