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Your statement that I have backed down is untrue. I stated that certain eastern writers have minimized the gambling hazard, and your story prompts me to believe that you are one of them. As far as my getting out of the game I am in is concerned, I suggest you apply the same yardstick to yourself in your profession. What could you know of how much basketball has given me?

Forrest C. Allen.