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Lexington, Kentucky
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Dear Sir,

The attached clipping appeared in the Lexington Leader. If it wasn't for the fact that the staff of the Thoroughbred Record sent you that telegram, I would not have sent this to you.

But we have here in Lexington and every one knows it, a hand book that furnishes odds on any college basketball, football and race any place in the U.S., Cuba and Mexico. Books on high school football and basketball games are also made. In fact he brags that on football games he has handled as high as \$500,000.00 on the Saturday games. They have an uncanny foresight in posting the odds on games. For instance on the Kentucky-Georgia Tech game they were giving Kentucky 23 points, if you wanted to bet on Kentucky. You would have lost if you bet on Kentucky, they won 51 to 32, but according to their points Georgia Tech won 55 to 51. They have three long distance phones and they can get St. Louis, New York, Chicago or New Orleans quicker than a General in the Armed forces can. Their phone bill, in normal times runs around \$2000.00 to \$3000.99 a month.

It is located in the heart of the city. The ground floor is a bar room. Which is just a blind for the upstairs activities. It is known as the Mayfair Bar, telephone 1121, located at 224 East Main St. You go straight through the bar and up the steps to the gambling room over the bar. The phone book never carries any hand book in it. But their phone is 3730. They have a large black board with all the games and odds posted on it.

I am sure all the members on the staff on the Thoroughbred Record is very familiar with this place and I sure got a kick out of them sending you the telegram.