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Dr. Forrest Allen
Kansas University
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Dear Dr. Allen:

As an ex-basketball-player of more enthusiasm than ability, and as a current spectator, I have been very much interested in the ruckus you stirred up by your charges that the gamblers have moved in on basketball. My own observation, after seeing a good many of last winter's games, both in Philadelphia's Convention Hall and in the Garden, is that, if anything, you have understated the case. I doubt that I could make my beliefs stand up in court but I am personally convinced, nevertheless, that there were a lot of strange doings on the big-time basketball circuit last winter.

After reading the papers here, I suspect that your colleagues, including Ned Irish, are going to sugar over your statement in the hope that the public will forget the whole thing before the season begins. I feel, as you do, that it would be a mistake to pretend that gamblers haven't gotten next to some of the boys, and I am wondering if there isn't something the Post can do to keep the issue alive.

Obviously, we can't print an article on the subject because such a piece would have to be libel-proof and, aside from the specific case you've mentioned, I doubt that we could get together enough evidence to make an article stick. On the other hand, I am wondering what you would think of our doing a brief editorial on the subject for publication around Christmas time? The season will then be in full swing and the editorial might, at least, let the boys know that the issue is by no means dead.

If you think well of this notion, I'd appreciate any tidbits of new information you can give me. I have a little ammunition of my own, but not enough to do the job I have in mind.

Sincerely,

Robert Fuoss

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P.S. Ben Hibbs sends his regards.