

WESTERN UNION

New York

October 20, 1944

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Coach of Basketball
Kansas University.

International News Service has just called me quoting a story published in the Denver press purporting that you have made a direct statement that college basketball players have sold out to gamblers in games played in Madison Square Garden. Will you please let me know if statement or any similar statement is correctly attributed to you. If you have made this statement I would appreciate it if you will furnish me with instances in which players have sold out to gamblers and proof to substantiate these charges so that this information can be conveyed to the police and to the colleges whose players were involved. Madison Square Garden has had the fullest cooperation of the New York city police in enforcing the law against gambling. We also employ a large number of special police to assist the city in enforcing the law against gambling at all sporting events held in this building. All known gamblers or persons who have previously been arrested for gambling are barred from entering the building. Will appreciate your prompt response.

Ned Irish

Acting President

Madison Square Garden