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Mr. John H. Glenn,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear Johnny:

It was nice of you to write me as you did on January 31. I always take the Glenn letters home and read them to the family. Thank you for the clipping of my former basketball coaches. This appeared in a number of the papers around here, so I imagine it covered the country pretty generally. It was thoughtful of you to send it to me.

Missouri bobbed up last night with a victory over Oklahoma at Norman, and that makes Missouri look awfully tough for us here on March 1. If we get going we should give them a good game, but I believe they are pretty tough for us; too tough and well-seasoned for us this year. We really haven't a good team - just a bunch of kids that go when everything is fine.

Johnny, I have been talking with Doug Mills about a home and home game with Illinois next year. I am wondering if you would quietly find out just how tough they are. We will have a good team next year, but I want to know what Doug will have back. I will appreciate this information at your convenience.

I certainly agree with you on the very poor fundamentals of high school teams over the country. When it comes to a set play some of the boys have never even heard of it, and when you endeavor to teach them the fundamentals of individual defense and individual offense, then they seem like rank beginners because they have just played the combination of shinny and fire-engine basketball whereby they cover up all of their errors by hustle-bustle, slam-bang, reckless abandon whenever they get the ball. This fast break certainly hasn't contributed anything to good fundamentals.

I will write you very shortly in regard to the National Collegiate Basketball Championships of America which will be played in Kansas City; the semi-finals on March 22 and 23; the finals on March 30. I am wondering if you are counting on making both of these attractions, or just the finals. I