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Mr. John H. Glenn,
Beardstown, Illinois.

Dear Johnny:

Thank you very much for your very fulsome information concerning the Illinois basketball set-up for next year. I will be guided largely by what you tell me. I am not at all anxious for Big Ten competition, but Bus Mills has been contacting me for two or three years to play a clinic game at Illinois. I told him if we played that game we would want a home and home contest and would want to play them at Lawrence the same year. That is the only reason that I mentioned it - all the activity has come from Bus. I will discuss these things with you when I see you in Kansas City.

Your good old faithful follower, John Buescher, sent you that copy of Sixty and Six Basketball Brevities. Thank you for the compliments paid us in the get up. I sat down one night at 8 o'clock and began to write about fifteen suggestions for our boys, using each one of our individuals as an urge to write a line. When I got through I had sixty-six of them, so you see I spent quite a bit of time picking out the frailties and weaknesses of my outfit. I am glad you like it.

Now, regarding the set up on the National Collegiate Basketball Championship of America. One definite chore, and a very necessary one that I have in mind for you is to have you handle the personnel of the four teams that compete in the play-off on March 22 and 23. What I mean by that is contacting the coaches, managers, trainers and so forth giving them their competitors' ticket, and so forth. Naturally, they will want complimentary tickets, and I am not sure as yet how the management will handle them. I doubt if they will be long on complementaries, but of course you will be the buffer and soothsayer in keeping them happy. That is quite a job in itself.

We will have Craig Ruby and some of the other boys as mixers and hand-shakers for our Coaches Association, and you will be on the hospitality committee of the Coaches Association. We will have a set-up there so that all the coaches will feel that they are being taken care of properly. But the big thing will be the proper execution of this tournament.