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April 12, 1943.

Mr. Henry Iba,  
Director of Athletics,  
Oklahoma A. & M. College,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I am sending you carbon copies of a couple of letters that I have written to Eddie Hickey and Hal Middlesworth. I want you to know that according to my way of reckoning you certainly got nothing but a raw deal in the matter of selection of a representative of the Fifth District. However, I do know that Dr. King leans very strongly against a play-off and I think that he is honest in his own deductions.

But as far as a fair, square set-up is concerned, if you had beaten Oklahoma by a much larger margin than they beat you at Norman fair play would have emphasized a play-off.

Again I want to say to you that I had nothing to do directly or indirectly with the selection of the N.C.A.A. representative. I care nothing about the N.C.A.A. nor would I give them that much consideration. I have not worried my mind with them.

Will Rogers used to say, "All I know I read in the newspapers", and since Hal Middlesworth wrote that article and Eddie Hickey linked me up with the N.C.A.A., I thought that a denial might be in order, as you perhaps read Middlesworth's column.

Some time I want to have an opportunity to sit down and talk with you. I have always regarded your friendship highly, and as I look at it you and I are two plain-spoken individuals who can talk to each other without rancor but with full understanding. Therefore, it will be a pleasure to see you some time and have a visit with you.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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