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Dear Chip:

I am doing the best I can for you on short notice. I am sending you a copy of the speech that I made at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in November, 1941. You will notice then that I set up a scheme for a national czar of intercollegiate athletics. This is my own idea and you may use my byline on the story if you desire.

My idea was that this czar would have the same powers as Judge Landis, and that he would not be a commissioner or an athletic director, or anyone connected with intercollegiate athletics. He would come entirely from the outside of any administrative work so that he would have no background or impediments or encumbrances. He should be a lawyer, and preferably a judge who has already established himself for fearlessness in rendering decisions. He might be a dean of a law college, but he should have a national reputation for fairness and justice.

If Judge Landis could stabilize the almost impossible baseball situation after the Black Sox scandal, then it was my notion that a super-czar having a prestige similar to that of Judge Landis could do something for intercollegiate athletics. The income should, of necessity, be lucrative, say at least \$50,000 a year, and the conferences of the nation could pay this fee without any difficulty.

The czar, of course, would have commissioners of each conference under him and they would be subject entirely to his decisions. He would have the power to dismiss any athletic director or coach, or to declare any athlete ineligible for further participation. He would also set up the scholarship or stipend that each athlete could receive because different areas have different agreements for their conferences. Yet he would correlate all of these so that they would be compatible with each other. After this agreement of income was set up no athlete could receive any income from any source unless it came through the university channels. This would stop these secret subsidizations that have always caused so much trouble of one outfit raising the ante on the other.

This high commissioner would have the power to suspend an institution if they did not conform to the rulings. My notion was that no school would be forced into anything. It would be purely a voluntary matter on the part