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Dear Doctor:

I greatly appreciated your note and the enclosed clippings. They certainly needed answering and also our thanks to McBride. There has been times that he has not leaned very strongly in the direction of the Mo. Valley Schools and I was most happy to have these items.

I knew that he felt that we had snubbed the N.C.A.A. by our action but have since tried to put him right on our situation. The fact is that the Committee snubbed us a year ago when we were the defending Champs and when they didn't incline in our direction we accepted Irish's tournament bid. Then this year when the East invited us again we accepted before we had heard from the N.C.A.A. With Allen stating that he was not going to play they could have asked us earlier if they really wanted us; and I think they really did. But it is too late now.

We had a bad game with W. & J. We were leading 38-26 with 10 minutes to go when it appeared the officials went technical and started calling fouls right and left. We can't blame it on the officials because we should have adjusted to the play and an effort was made to get this done. But we lost a regular through a sprained ankle; another was not allowed to return because of an error (later admitted) in the scoring records so all in all we just ran into a terrific bad situation and our rookies failed to carry on the lead of seven points when Langer (third regular to leave) fouled out of the game.

I have written to McBride and I hope it will reflect favorably on our attitude because we would like to have him as our friend and will go the limit in doing this. We won't have a team for some time to come and I hope to get into the Service along with the boys and then come back and start all over again in the near future. Kindest regards and it is really a godsend to have one in the Kan. City district who thinks of us and helps us out as you do.

Sincerely

Per Self