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Dear "Doc:"

I have your splendid letter of April 12 and greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering us after our upset in the East.

I am not aware of any "double talk," nor am I familiar with any statement credited to me as would work to your disparagement. Much has been said in many quarters with reference to the Fifth District N.C.A.A. and their choice of teams during the past two years. I can recall nothing that I have said that I would not have said direct to you; nor anything that did not reflect the true situation as I have understood it.

I have appreciated your friendship and especially your cooperation in our basketball program. When we are able to resume play I hope that we may continue our games. I am positive you have always found our relations above board and the playing situations such as reflected a thoroughly honest and sportsmanlike attitude. I am sorry if any thing that I may have said with reference to the N.C.A.A. may have been interpreted as being detrimental to you. At the same time, I am sure you are as familiar as I, with the fact, that one's position may not always be correctly interpreted or reflected by others.

There have been some public expressions to the effect that Creighton "snubbed" the N.C.A.A. I have tried to correct this wrong impression as much as possible. It was suggested that the Fifth District's choice this year reflected some feeling on the part of the Committee against Creighton because we did not wait for their bid. I hardly believe the Committee would penalize other members of our Conference even if Creighton was wrong. Nor do I feel that Creighton has been wrong in any degree.