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Dear "Doc":

Thank you for your letter of February 22. It seems that we have gotten started on one of these long conversational and refreshing controversies. It is too bad that we aren't closer together so that we could continue the contact in a more satisfactory manner. I suppose, though, that we would never get to a conclusion which would please both of us. That fact alone probably adds something to the spice of life.

We have been following your basketball fortunes as closely as the meagre publicity here on the coast will permit. It seems that after your slow start, which, as I understand it, was due to the fact that the boys had or were just getting over the flu, the gang has gone ahead in great shape. Your boy, Engleman, seems to be getting a great deal of publicity because of his consistent scoring record.

I notice that the other teams are cutting each other's throats in regular fashion. While I do not know the standing of the Big Six at the present time, my guess is that you are far out in front.

Stanford clinched the championship for the southern division of the Pacific Coast Conference last Saturday night so that now we can coast in the rest of the way. The competition in the southern division is the weakest that it has been for some time but on the other hand our Stanford team is one of the best we have had. There are no outstanding stars but five equally efficient boys.

I don't know what will happen with respect to qualifying for the N.C.A.A. The northern half of our conference seems to have forgotten an agreement which was made back in '37 with respect to the play-off. As a consequence we are faced with the probability that we may have to flip for the Pacific Coast Conference championship, or else Stanford will have to forfeit its right to consideration, in order that we may have a representative at Kansas City. Both the north and the south were supposed to finish their schedules the first week in March so that the play-off could come the following week. For some reason the north has extended its schedule this year, and now the play-off