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Dear Bill:

I am very sorry that the tickets for the Missouri game have been sold out for more than two weeks. Before we went to Manhattan our Mr. Falkenstien, financial secretary of the Athletic Association, had sold all the standing room available, so I do not see how in the world it will be possible for you to get tickets at all, Bill, and I am sorry, too. We could easily sell over 6,000 tickets for this game if we had the seats.

I, too, wish that Ed Hughes were here so that we could get together and talk over old times. It was too bad that Ed had to go as he did. Too much confinement to his work, I imagine, over-taxed his heart. Yes, I had heard that Lester Dodds had passed on, too.

Bill, I wish that you might come over some time next year when we have some games at home and be my guest. It would be a great pleasure to have you. And if there is a Mrs. Long I would be glad to have her accompany you and stay over night in our home. We could certainly talk over old times.

When you go into Herb Major's barber shop give my regards to the old timers there and tell them I would like nothing better than to talk over the early days in basketball.

By the way, Bill, we are going to have the national basketball championships of America in the Municipal Auditorium on March 22 and 23, and March 30. The winner of the fifth district, which takes in our Big Six and the Missouri Valley section; the Southwest Conference, which will perhaps be represented by the University of Texas; the Rocky Mountain Conference, which will perhaps be the University of Colorado; and the Pacific Coast, which looks as if it would be the University of Southern California - these teams will meet to determine the winner, and that winner will meet the winner of the four best teams east of the Mississippi River. I will be managing that tournament, and I