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Dr. F. C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I was happy to receive your letter on the basketball tournament and to note your interest in the event.

The question of transportation (and also hotels in this war-jammed town) has been in my mind quite a bit as we started feeling our way along on this year's tournament. However, I have about decided to hold the field to eight teams-- none from any staggering distance--- which will cut down the travel requirements considerably.

With the smaller field, it is vital that we have the best possible field--- and what would appeal more to Oklahoma City fans than Oklahoma, Oklahoma Aggies and Kansas? The rest of the field probably would come from the Southwest conference, with perhaps one service team entered.

The fans here have been used to morning, afternoon and night sessions with 16 teams (we even had 18 year before last) but I believe the reduction to eight top notch teams would be even more appealing and that Sooner-Aggie-Jayhawk rivalry should whet the appetite of even the most discriminating fan.

Basketball squads being comparatively small and the distance from Lawrence here not excessive I can't see how you would be criticized for travelling to a tournament where your boys could get so much good experience in such a short time. The Santa Fe's streamliner, which is an all-chair car train, would deliver you in here on Sunday night before the tournament and back in Lawrence the following Thursday afternoon, if you wanted to shave the time that closely.

The question of the navy's 48-hour rule comes up naturally. With Oklahoma, it won't make any difference since they will be able to get back ~~home~~ home each night, if need be. The only other coach with whom I have had any correspondence on that rule, is Joe Davis of Rice. He said that he had talked with a couple of his boys and that they were anxious to give up part of their Christmas leave in order to