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Dear Louie:

I am sending you a copy of two letters that I have written Gwinn Henry - one regarding the number of men to be carried on trips in basketball so that they possibly could be equalized with the other sports, and one regarding the twenty-game limit.

Louie, I have a suggestion. Why could not we organize as the "Big Six Basketball Coaches Association"? That, in fact, is what we have at the present time. We could then take up matters with the directors as an organization and be more efficient in getting things done than the way it is now. In other words, we would address a communication to the president or chairman of the directors, and ask them to act upon our request. Of course, I understand they can turn it down, but many times they will accept these recommendations if it is the will of the group.

Let me explain. A few years ago when I was in the director's group, each one of the coaches associations had an organization with its president and secretary. If the coaches association of the respective sports desired action on a matter they would make their request to the directors in a formal application. Then the directors would present their situation to the faculty representatives. In other words, the organization worked from the subordinate to the superior, and on up. Then if the faculty representatives or directors made a ruling they would generally say, "Well, let's see what the body concerned in this matter would like", and they would go down the ladder by the same process if they thought it the logical thing to do.

I am wondering why we couldn't effect our organization again along this group idea like it was done a few years ago before it lapsed into inertia.

I am sending copies of these two letters that I have written Gwinn to each one of the directors, stating to them that this is a personal not an official communication that I am writing, but I am merely reflecting the personal attitude that I have toward those matters and would appreciate it very much if their