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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I wired you today agreeing that you should serve as chairman of the selection committee in District 5. At the same time I wired King as follows:

"FURTHER REFLECTION RE COMMITTEE DISTRICT 5 MAKES ME FEEL ALLEN SHOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE BUT I VERY MUCH HOPE YOU WILL AGREE TO SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE WITH HIM. IS THIS ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO YOU? PLEASE WIRE."

I hope this will be a satisfactory arrangement.

With respect to the so-called Intercollegiate Basketball Association that Liston is sponsoring, "Butch" Grover is getting busy with the membership of the National Basketball Coaches Association to try to set them right with respect to this move and he is also writing to Bunn, urging him to present the matter to President Owens so that Owens may again write to the entire N.C.A.A. membership appealing for their support of the N.C.A.A. Tournament. Saint has already written to each member of the Missouri Valley and Big Six suggesting that they support the Tournament in somewhat the way the Western Conference has, and I have just written again to Jim Swarts at Pennsylvania, telling him I am still in hopes the Eastern Intercollegiate League will break down their post-season prejudice to the extent of helping out this N.C.A.A. project. I feel that Swarts himself is in sympathy with that idea and I have a hunch that Bushnell may lean in that direction. If they do feel that way it is possible they might bring the Eastern Intercollegiate League in line with our hopes.

I have written to all the men we hope to have on the selection committees but haven't had replies from any of them as yet. Just as soon as we do get the set-up ready I will get in touch with you so we can make a good "splash" announcing the set-up.

I was sorry McBride wasn't at the baseball meeting in Columbus so I did not get a chance to talk to him. I did talk to one of the other newspaper men however, who incidentally is a graduate of Kansas and a friend of yours, and I gathered from his comments that they would put the shoulder to the wheel.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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