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Dear Harry:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received from Dean Bunn of Stanford, under date of February 23rd.

Since I did not know what the status of affairs was in the Seventh District I asked Dr. Gilmore, as President of the Rocky Mountain Conference, to write Dutch Witte to see just what the situation was. I have just received a copy of his reply and in it he states that the University of Colorado would probably be invited to participate in the Tournament. This I think is appropriate under the method of selection of teams as it has been worked out this year, but I do not like the method, and I think we will have a discussion of the whole matter at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. this coming Saturday.

You know, of course, that I have no desire nor inclination even to suggest to the athletic authorities at the University of Colorado what they should do in a matter such as this. I do feel, however, it is important if the National Collegiate is to sponsor a championship that the most representative teams compete.

I think this Tournament will become, if properly handled, an outstanding event nationally and you know how strong a believer I am in the necessity for a national organization, such as the N.C.A.A. to run championship events if we concede at all the necessity for their being run.

In that regard I have always felt, as you know, that Basketball is the one sport which is being played on such a high level in the Rocky Mountain region that from time to time teams representing institutions in the region will be outstanding in any National Basketball Tournament, and I don't think this true probably of any other sport.