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Dear "Doc":

Your letter of February 23rd is most enlightening. I can see now why the differences of opinions have arisen at a time when presumably all problems were settled. I have been working under the assumption that our general committee was fully appraised of all procedures and deliberations and that final decisions had been made only after all had expressed their opinions.

It therefore seems advisable that I give you a full account of the conference with reference to the Western play-off. I was interested in this event for San Francisco for several reasons.

1. San Francisco newspapers have been interested in a college tournament for some time. I knew we could get their whole-hearted support.
2. The fair would make such an event a "natural" for this year.
3. Since the final would certainly be somewhere in the middle west, it seemed logical to spread the two play-offs.
4. The tournament here in the west will be one of the greatest boons for our basketball.
5. The traveling distances, as we figured them, would not be any greater to San Francisco than to K. C. or to Texas.
6. To hold the tournament in the middle of the four districts would introduce the altitude element, which might prove somewhat of a handicap.