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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

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Dear "Doc":

This will acknowledge your letter of April 25. The recommendation of our Tournament Committee with respect to the division of receipts from our NCAA tournament and the disposition of the money which would go to the NCAA is still very clear in my mind. The letter which Olsen sent to each of the district chairmen this season contained a part of this recommendation.

Since receiving your letter I have taken occasion to discuss in detail this whole matter with Bill Owens and also to go over carefully the executive regulations of the NCAA. I find that the regulations of our Committee are in conflict with the regulations of the Executive Committee of the NCAA in these particulars: 1. Funds may not be earmarked for any specific sport. Boxing, in the past, has requested the same arrangement as contained in our recommendation to the Executive Committee. 2. No sume from the income of tournaments or meets may be allocated to the Olympic fund, except as the Olympic Fund Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee may direct. 3. Funds may not be pro-rated to competing teams except for actual expenses. 4. All funds are supposed to be deposited in the general fund of the NCAA without any restrictions or reservations placed on them.

In view of the above, I can see how the Executive Committee did oppose our recommendation. It is my guess that our recommendation, unfortunately, has never been submitted to the Executive Committee. This, of course, is a weakness on our part and leaves us open for criticism. It was my impression that our Basketball Rules Committee was given a full report by the Tournament Committee and that they approved the report. However, I have been unable to find any minutes substantiating this recollection.

Since we have sent out information to the schools in the NCAA, and particularly to those which have competed in the tournaments, I feel that we will be placed in an embarrassing position if the NCAA Executive Committee does not permit us to keep faith with these schools, in spite of our negligence. It would be my opinion that unless the schools concerned would recognize our error and agree to abide by the regular NCAA rules, we should make a disposition of our funds for this year in accordance with the recommendations which were drawn up by our Tournament Committee, and that hereafter the whole matter should be cleared through the NCAA Executive Committee.

Bill Owens, while pointing out the NCAA regulations, maintains an open mind with respect to the whole matter and is eager to have representatives from the Basketball Committee present their case at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. It seems to me that this is a very fair procedure, and I suggest that it be carried through in accordance with Bill Owens' recommendation.

You may recall that I was not in favor of the pro-rating of moneys to the competing schools over and above their expenses, but that I agreed to the recommendation in view of the fact that we were attempting to offset the influence of the Madison Square Garden and the Liston tournaments. It was our feeling that when we had defeated these two projects, then we could make other adjustments of our finances. I still hold this opinion.