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Dear Doctor Allen:

Thank you very much for your recent letters which have gone unanswered until now because of the fact that I have just returned from my vacation. Bonnie and I took a boat trip to Alaska this year and I don't believe we have enjoyed anything as much as this experience.

Now with respect to your plans for the National Collegiate Tournaments. I agree most heartily with your sentiment that we must exert every effort to make money on this year's tournament. I was very much surprised also that the deficit for last year amounted to \$2500. I have talked to Bill Owens about the whole situation and feel that he and the rest of his board are a little too much concerned about our activities. I reminded him of the fact that, after all, the basketball committee is the only income producing committee in the whole organization and that therefore this initial experience should not be condemned too seriously. However, in view of the competition which we are facing in the east, I am very much concerned about the future.

You and I agree exactly with respect to playing games on the home court of one of the teams. From a financial point of view, however, I can readily see that it may be the better policy to waive our own personal feelings. I am not sure, in any case in your section, but that Kansas City is the ideal spot. I would go with you, however, in saying that it would be wise to withhold a final decision until later in the season. If you can secure the guarantees which were probably given rather hastily by Oklahoma A. & M., I would not hesitate to accept them.

I am sending you under separate cover all of my correspondence and planning in connection with the tournament which was held out here last year. This may be of some help to you in avoiding the mistakes which I made. As an old campaigner, however, you probably will have no need of this information.