

Lawrence, March 15, 1940

Mr. H. V. Porter,  
11 So. LaSalle St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to "Butch" Grover of this date concerning registration details for the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

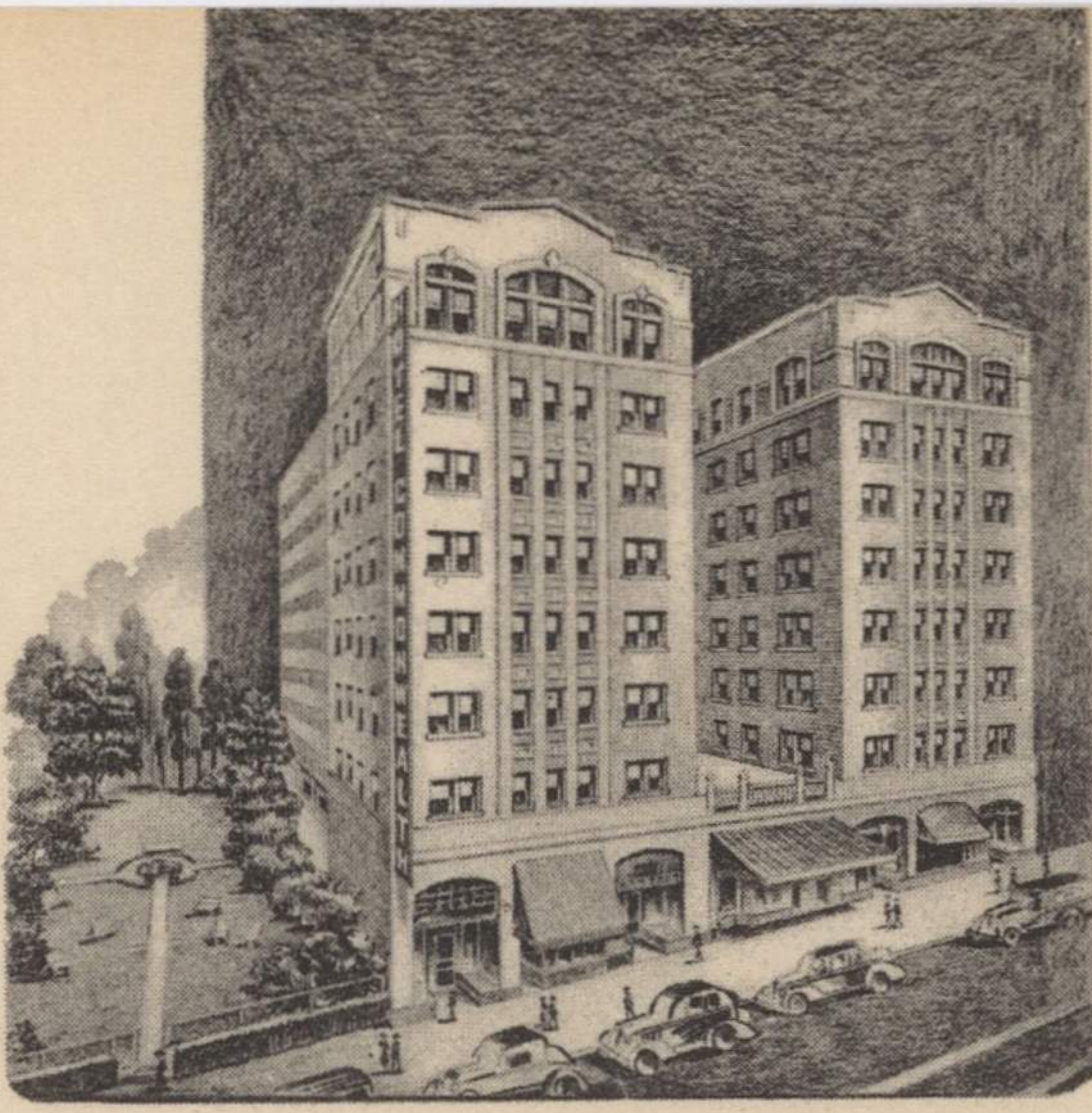
I will be very happy to make the same arrangements for the National Basketball Committee if you so desire. Kindly let me hear from you on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

FCA:AH  
Enc.





400 ROOMS ALL WITH BATH  
APARTMENTS SUITES ROOMS  
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PAUL DICKSON, MANAGER

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BROADWAY AT THIRTEENTH

KANSAS CITY, MO.

March 15, 1940

Dear Doctor Allen:

I understand that you will have four basket ball teams from various Universities here for national competition next week-end and we would like very much to entertain these teams at Hotel Commonwealth.

Of course you know we are just one block from the Auditorium and have very comfortable and ample facilities here to accommodate the teams. I had the pleasure of meeting you last fall when I was Executive Assistant Manager at Hotel Continental and I would appreciate the opportunity of serving you here at the Hotel Commonwealth.

I assumed management of the Commonwealth on December 1 and have remodeled and redecorated the coffee shop and completely redecorated fifty rooms so far and have given all the rest a thorough cleaning. I believe that we now have one of the nicest hotels in town and, I am sure, offer the best values in rooms and meals.

By putting four men in a room with two double beds and bath, we can take care of your teams at a special rate of \$1.00 per man and would be pleased to serve them three excellent meals per day for \$1.35, making a total cost per man, room and meals, of \$2.35.

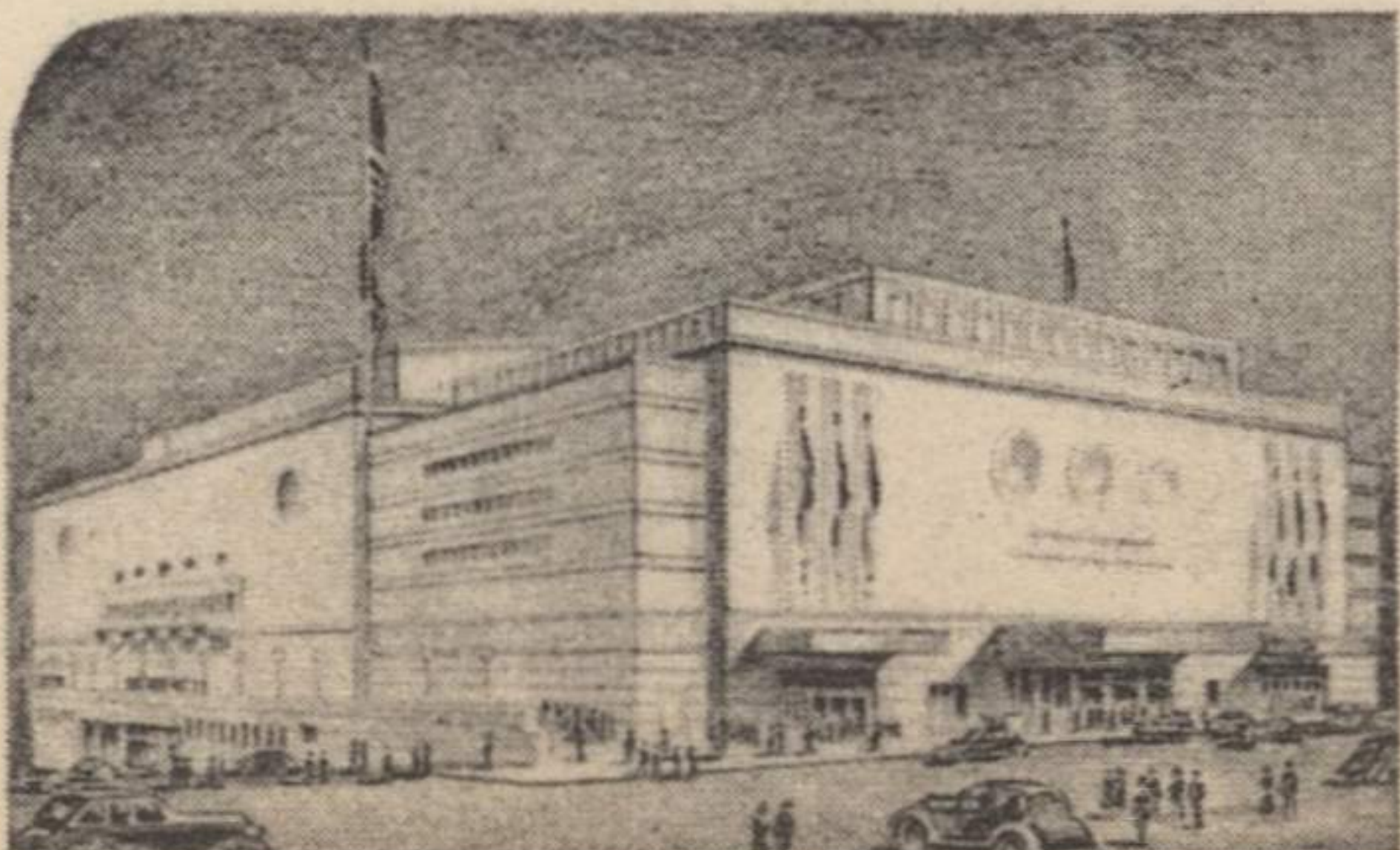
I am sure the teams would enjoy the convenience, comfort and hospitality here at the Commonwealth and if you favor us with your nice business, I will give it my personal attention and see that everything possible is done for your interests.

Dr. Forest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Cordially yours,


PAUL DICKSON  
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JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE NEW MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM



WASHINGTON  UNIVERSITY  
SAINT LOUIS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

March 15, 1940

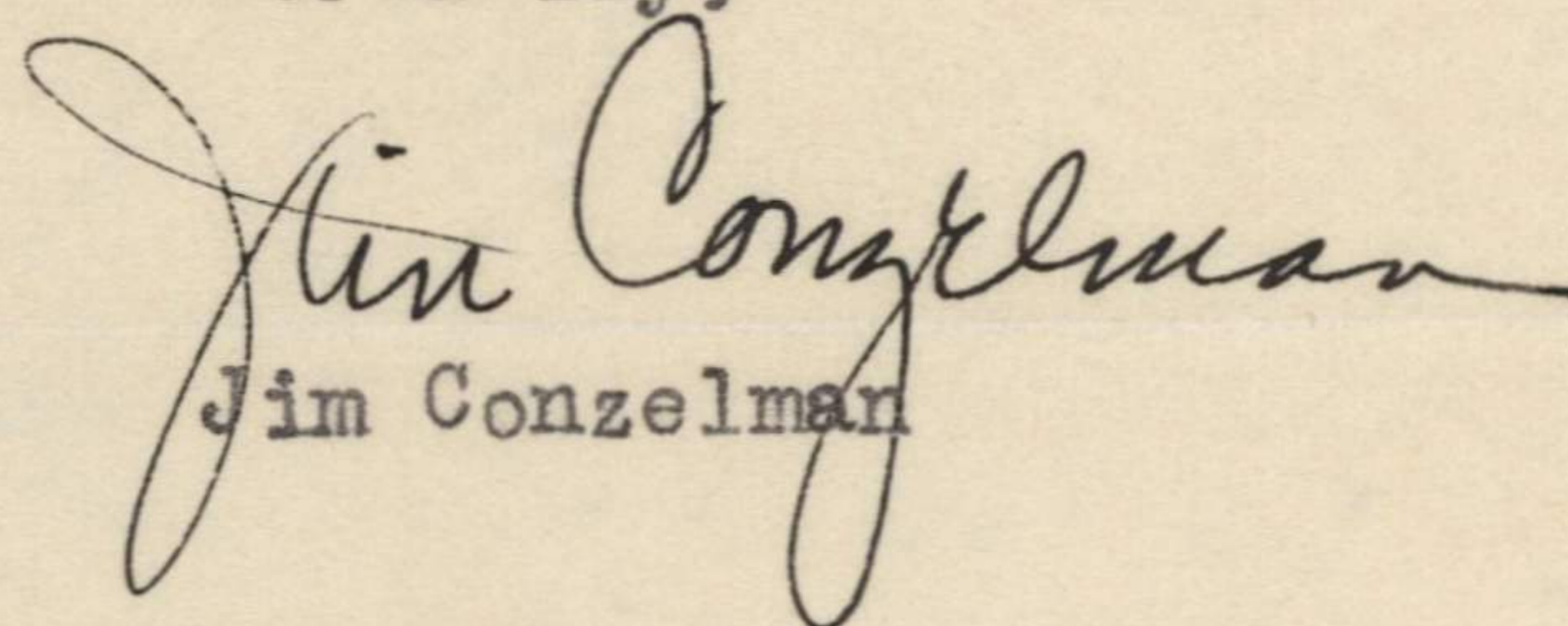
Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:-

My fee on out-of-town dates is \$50.00 and expenses.  
Now that I am in the wide wide world, I have to stick to this  
price because Monday and Friday are the only available days  
during the week I have for speaking engagements. My other  
five days are taken up with radio.

Congratulations on your usually fine team. You  
never seem to miss.

Cordially,

  
Jim Conzelman

jc:m



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 15, 1940.

Mr. Ted O'Sullivan,  
918 Walnut St. Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Ted:

I wish you would write me and tell me what arrangements have been made for the meeting of the National Association of College Basketball Officials in Kansas City on March 29 and 30. I understand that E. C. Quigley and Dick Pendleton will represent the Officials Association in presenting their suggestions for changes to the Rules Committee, but I would like to know what you are doing in the way of making any arrangements for your meeting.

We are working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Kansas City in handling the matter of registration, badges, membership fee and ticket sale for the Coaches Association and the National Rules Committee, and if there is any way in which we can correlate all of these meetings I would be very glad to work with you.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



WESTERN UNION

March 16, 1940  
Dallas, Texas

Dr. F. C. Allen.

Wire complete information on western play-off  
to Gaylord Johnson, Rice Institute, Houston.

J. W. St. Clair,  
Executive Secretary, Southwest Conference.

Reply:

Western play-off March 22-23 Municipal Auditorium  
Kansas City. Team headquarters Hotel Continental.  
N.C.A.A. guarantees expenses total party of twelve  
railroad fare and six sections pullman.

Forrest C. Allen,  
Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball tournament.



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BASKETBALL COACH KANSAS UNIVERSITY=

WIRE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON WESTERN PLAYOFF TO GAYLORD

JOHNSON RICE INSTITUTE HOUSTON TEXAS=

J W STCLAIR EXECUTIVE SECY SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE.

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DR F C ALLEN, VARSITY BASKET BALL COACH KANSAS

UNIVERSITY BASKET BALL COACH KINCAID HOTEL OKCTY=

CALLED BUT NO DICE STOP WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SOMEONE

TO RELIEVE YOU OF THE OFFICIATING WORRIES IN THE COMING

NCAA GAMES. YOUR SELECTIONS OF COURSE, REGARDS AND BEST

WISHES=

ERNEST QUIGLEY.

NCAA DICE.



March 16, 1940

Coach K. J. Lawrence,  
Allegheny College,  
Meadville, Pa.

Dear Coach Lawrence:

We want your photograph - a gloss of your affable likeness for Kansas City publicity at once. We also want a cryptic comment from you, either on rules changes, the N.C.A.A. tournament play, or upon any subject that you choose to make an interesting comment. We want both of these things for this reason --

In Kansas City, Missouri, on March 28, 29 and 30 will be the annual convention of the National Association of Basketball Coaches; on March 30, 31 and April 1, the National Basketball Rules Committee; on March 29 and 30 the National Basketball College Officials; and on March 30 in Kansas City's new \$7,000,000 Municipal Auditorium will be the finals in the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship of America! Truly, Kansas City will be the basketball capital of the world! We know that you will want to be here.

During convention week we want to use your picture in the press with a statement that you think apropos to the occasion and that the sports writers will consider very worthy of printing. You can either boost or criticize the rules as they are - suggest changes that you would like to see made - give your ideas on the growth of basketball interest - officiating in general - or, in fact, anything about the game wherein you think it could be improved.

I have obtained exceptionally low rates for coaches at the exquisitely modern and up-to-date Hotel Continental - single \$2.00 per day - two or more in a room \$1.50 per person. Send your reservation at once to Mr. Robin McGeorge of the Hotel Continental. Please send your gloss and your comment to me by air mail at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Sam Barry, Basketball Coach  
University of So. California,  
Los Angeles.

Buster Brannon, Basketball Coach  
Rice Institute  
Houston, Texas

Frosty Cox, Basketball Coach  
University of Colorado Team,  
Metrop. Writers Invitation Tourn.  
Madison Square Garden,  
N.Y.

N.C.A.A. guarantees expenses total party of twelve railroad fare  
and 6 sections pullman - six upper, six lower berths.

F. C. Allen, ~~Exec~~ Mgr. N.C.A.A.  
Tournament Committee.



SANTA FE

Palo Alto, Calif.  
March 18, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kans.

Impossible to rearrange work. Sorry.

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Letter follows.

John Bunn.



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DR F C ALLEN,

(PLS FORWARD)=

DOC HERES A LUCK CHARM THAT CANT MISS. BRING HOME EVERYTHING. VERY BEST REGARDS LETTER FOLLOWS=

JACK COPELAND WICHITA KANS.

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Lawrence, Kansas  
March 18, 1940

Mr. Jimmy Conzelman,  
Department of Physical Education,  
Washington University,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Jimmy:

I wish I had \$100.00 of the Basketball Coaches money, and I would hire you outright for the night of the 29th, but not having that much money at the present time I believe the only thing that I can say is we are hoping to get enough money to have you at our next meeting.

However, I do thank you for writing me, and I certainly think you are dead right in demanding that the public pay reasonably well for good entertainment. I know of nothing better that I would like than to have you with us. The Basketball Coaches treasury, like all coaches' funds, is low. Maybe we can have you next year, Jimmy.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

PGA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 18, 1940

Mr. Victor Murdock,  
The Wichita Eagle,  
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Murdock:

We have an athletic event of national significance taking place in Kansas City on Friday and Saturday of this week, March 22-23. We desire to show our appreciation of the splendid way in which you have supported amateur sports, and particularly the fine hospitality extended to us on the occasion of our recent visit to Wichita.

As a reciprocal gesture we are enclosing copy for an advertisement that we wish to have inserted in your paper for the next two issues. At your early convenience send me a statement so that I may pass on the bill for prompt payment.

Sincerely yours,

Managing Director,  
N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship Committee.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 18, 1940

Mr. Max Levand,  
The Wichita Beacon,  
Wichita, Kansas.

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DR FORREST C ALLEN=

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

CONGRATULATION ON BRINGING YOUR TEAM INTO THE PLAYOFF YOU SURELY HAVE THE 4 BEST TEAMS FROM YOU HALF OF THE COUNTRY. OUR SETUP AT INDIANAPOLIS LOOKS GOOD WE ARE GETTING FINE PUBLICITY AND THE TICKET SALE IS GOING RIGHT AHEAD. I EXPECT TO BE IN INDIANAPOLIS AT THE LINCOLN HOTEL FROM WEDNESDAY NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY AND THEN PLAN ON COMING ON TO KANSASCITY REGARDS=

H G YOLSEN.

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Lawrence, Kansas  
March 18, 1940

Mr. A. V. Burrows, Editor,  
St. Joseph News Press,  
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Burrows:

We have an athletic event of national significance taking place in Kansas City on Friday and Saturday of this week, March 22-23. We desire to show our appreciation of the splendid way in which you have supported amateur sports, and we are enclosing a copy of an advertisement that we wish to have inserted in your paper.

Upon many occasions you have been very kind to the University of Kansas by giving them their full share of publicity, and this small reciprocal gesture is herewith enclosed. Will you kindly run it in the next two issues of your paper? At your early convenience send me a statement so that I may pass on the bill for prompt payment.

Sincerely yours,

Managing Director,  
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John Bunn.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 19, 1940.

Principal J. F. Wellemeier,  
Wyandotte High School,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Principal Wellemeier:

Mr. Earl Falkenstien, of the K.U. Athletic Office, is mailing tickets to you for the N.C.A.A. basketball games to take care of your request. If things are not perfectly all right, let me know because we want to make them so.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 19, 1940.

Mr. F. L. Schlagle,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Superintendent Schlagle:

Mr. Earl Falkenstien, of the K. U. Athletic Office, is sending you tickets for the N.C.A.A. basketball games. If things are not perfectly all right, let me know so that we may make them so.

It is a pleasure to take care of your request.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

P.S. We want to invite the first five boys on your team to sit on the Kansas bench on Saturday night. If you will send me at once the seat numbers of the tickets for these boys we will arrange with the ushers so that they may sit with our boys.

F.C.A.



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 19, 1940.

Mr. James Nixon,  
Assistant to the Manager,  
Municipal Auditorium,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Jimmy:

I am enclosing some tickets that we used last year at the Golden Gate play-offs. I imagine that you have the same sort of tickets printed, but I wanted you to see these.

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



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JOHN BUNN.

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Lawrence, Kansas  
March 20, 1940.

Mr. B. T. Grover,  
Ohio University,  
Athens, Ohio.

Dear "Butch":

I haven't had a thing on your program as yet,  
and I wish you would fire that out to me by air mail.  
I want to help you in every way I can with the program  
and entertainment.

Sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

FCA:AH



Lawrence, Kansas  
March 21, 1940.

Rev. T. H. Aszman,  
President, Ministerial Alliance, 843  
843 Louisiana Street,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Aszman:

I desire the Lawrence Ministerial Alliance to know that we are cognizant of the fact that we have scheduled a basketball tournament in Kansas City on Good Friday, and we regret that it was impossible to avoid this date in making plans for our national tournament.

Last year our committee set up the games for the four districts east of the Mississippi, and the four districts west of the Mississippi. The eastern play-off is being held in Indianapolis and the western play-off in Kansas City on March 22 and 23. It was necessary for us to schedule the western play-off on this date because of the late date of the Pacific Coast Conference play-off.

I was named manager of the tournament, and regret very much that the calendar was such that this date could not be avoided.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.



Lawrence, Kansas  
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Mr. James Nixon,  
Municipal Auditorium,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Jimmy:

This will introduce Dr. E. R. Elbel, of  
the University of Kansas, whom I have asked to assist  
with some of the details of the N.C.A.A. tournament.

I will appreciate your courtesy to him  
in the matter of tickets and anything else that he  
desires.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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