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Mr. H. G. Olsen, Chairman,
N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Harold:

I just received a letter from John Bunn in which he stated that his tournament out there could have been held on March 17 and 18. I am wondering how it came to be set for March 20 and 21.

You will understand, Harold, that I am not asking these things in a critical way, but I am just trying to understand for what reason it was pushed off to the later date. Our conference here closes on March 6, and most of the teams finish on March 2. I think Colorado closes about that time and the Southwest conference is through about that time.

By playing on March 17 and 18 that would be Friday and Saturday nights, then it would have been an easy matter to play the following Saturday night in Chicago. The reason that I desired to bring the 27th of March date to your attention was that I figured it would be unfair, say for the Southwestern Conference, or any of our representatives to travel to San Francisco and play on the 20th and 21st, and then to retrace their steps and go clear to Chicago and play on the 25th.

Now, of course, if the 8th district team, California, should win the play-off that would entail only one trip for them, but if any other district outside of the 8th should win it, you are putting a tremendous burden on any of the other teams, with the exception of the 8th district. And too, districts 1-2-3-4 have their play-off in Philadelphia on the 17th and 18th and they have a much shorter haul from their to Chicago than the Coast people have from San Francisco to Chicago.

I am just seeking information, Harold, and since I have had none from either you or John why the date was set on the 20th and 21st, I am merely asking.

I am more anxious than you might imagine to see this tournament a great success, but I did not want to accept a responsibility as a member of the general committee in agreeing to these dates without question because I fully realize that these Southwest Conference boys and the Rocky Mountain-Conference boys, if they should