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Dear "Doc":

I have taken up your suggestion of February 22 concerning Mr. Atherton as a possible speaker at the convention of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Unfortunately the date for our meeting is a little too early for Mr. Atherton to be free to accept. He is head over heels in work pertaining to the many details of operation of the new code which has been set up here on the coast. The matter of dispensing interpretations to the junior colleges and high schools and, before this, the problem of clarifying with each of the Conference members all the technical phases of the code has proved to be more of a task than was at first anticipated. He does not expect to be in a position to do anything but attend to the details of his present task before the schools close this spring. You will appreciate the fact that it is necessary to have the whole machine running smoothly before our schools are dismissed.

I agree with you that he would make an excellent speaker for our meeting, and I am sorry that it is not possible for him to come.

You may be interested in a comment concerning the outstanding possibilities for the Eighth District representative in the western play-off. At the present time, three teams loom as possible choices: Oregon State College, U.S.C., and Santa Clara. Either Oregon State or U.S.C. will be eliminated in the Pacific Coast Conference play-off. This will leave the winner of the Pacific Coast Conference and Santa Clara as possible choices. At present it appears that a play-off to decide the one team may be necessary.

Santa Clara is an independent team and one of the outstanding fives on the west coast. They have lost only three games this season and made a successful eastern tour. If they come to Kansas City, they will put on a most spectacular display. I have not seen Oregon State, but U.S.C. has a