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Mr. H. G. Olsen, Chairman,
General Committee, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

Mr. John Bunn, Chairman,
Western Regional Play-off, N.C.A.A. Tournament.

Gentlemen:

I desire to give you some information to bring you up to date on our Fifth District N.C.A.A. play-off.

The University of Oklahoma and the University of Missouri tied in the Big Six Conference with seven won and three lost. Oklahoma A. & M. and Drake tied in the Missouri Valley Conference with nine won and three lost.

Our Fifth District committee met in Kansas City at the Continental Hotel at 2:30 p.m. on March 7th, all members being present. At 10:30 the same morning the Interscholastic Athletic Committee of the University of Missouri met at Columbia, Mo., and decided not to enter the tournament. Mr. George Edwards, a member of our committee and varsity basketball coach at the University of Missouri, stated that he did not know anything about the action of this athletic committee save what was printed in the paper, - that the committee desired that the team members have no further absences from school. I am sending each of you a clipping from the Kansas City Star which will explain the action better than the chairman has been able to get it from anyone else.

After Missouri withdrew I called each representative of the other three teams and asked if they would abide by the drawings made by the committee. Each stated that they would.

When the four teams were in I endeavored to get over a proposition with Mr. Emil Liston, the manager of the Collegiate Tournament in Kansas City. I offered Mr. Liston approximately