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Dear "Phog" and John:

As you have been informed through Bill Chandler, the committee appointed by him, to contact the N.C.A.A. relative to the basketball tournament, consists of you two gentlemen and myself. In order to get this business started, at Bill's suggestion, I have gone ahead with the presentation of this idea to President Owens of the N.C.A.A. and Dean Nicholson - John Bunn helping with the personal talk with Owens at Stanford.

In order that you may know what has transpired, I wanted to give you first a little review so that we know where the situation now stands. President Owens in his reply expressed himself as being very much for the idea. I am quoting from Owens' letter:

"With regard to the basketball situation, John Bunn spoke to me the first part of last week, telling me something of the situation and my reaction was exactly the same as yours, that to keep collegiate competition in the hands of the colleges and whatever money was derived therefrom for collegiate purposes, it seemed to me that we were virtually obligated to step in and take charge, particularly since the matter has come up to us in the way it has. I told Bunn to communicate with whatever committee the coaches had appointed, and tell them I was certain the N.C.A.A. would be willing to cooperate and organize the basketball tournaments along lines similar to the tennis set-up, with such modifications as those familiar with the situation might find desirable. I asked them to get this in such shape that I could present it to the Executive Committee at its meeting in September, but if more speed than that is necessary I would be willing, with Professor Nicolson, to approve the matter at once and ask for ratification from the Executive Committee or Council by mail if necessary. I feel very strongly that we should act to prevent intercollegiate sports from being exploited for private profit in any direction. If there is a money making angle we should see that money is legitimately applied to proper maintenance of competition, and any surplus devoted to promotion of intercollegiate sports and not to the enrichment of any individuals."

And, so it seems that the N.C.A.A. are willing to take over and the next move, as I see it, is for us as a committee to definitely recommend to them a proposal for the National Collegiate