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Dear "Phog":

I expect you will begin to get tired of having me "push on the lines" so much with respect to the selection committee from your district, but we have the committees set up all over the country except for yours and that is why I am so anxious to get some final word as soon as possible.

I am glad you feel that George Edwards would be a good member of this committee, I also have a very high regard for him.

With respect to the third member of your committee, I very much hope you can persuade Mr. McBride to accept. I don't know Mr. McBride very well although I believe I have met him on some occasion or another, but I do know he stands very high with everybody who does know him and it seems to me if we could get him to help us in this project that it would be a very fine thing for our tournament and for Kansas City.

In talking to him you might point out what I think are very obvious advantages to Kansas City should we be able to put on our four team tournament from the districts West of the Mississippi and perhaps the final game which in turn would probably mean the designation of Kansas City for the meeting place of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Of course there are other places such as Denver, Des Moines, etc., where these play-offs could be held but I feel that Kansas City, if we have the proper set-up backing, would be the ideal place for both the four team play-off and the final game, as well as our convention of basketball coaches.

I certainly hope you can see Mr. McBride without any delay and am also hopeful he will be able to see that this tournament, with the official backing of the N.C.A.A., would be a fine thing for him to support.

Please let me know just as soon as you possibly can.

Very sincerely yours,

H. G.

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Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
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