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August 2, 1940

Mr. Harold Olsen  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Ole:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 31st ultimo regarding the planned meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. at Hotel Sherman in Chicago on September 6 and 7.

I think it would be a good plan to have the three of us in session with the Executive Committee when we discuss basketball. I am not definitely sure that the eight-team tournament in Kansas City will be the answer, but Sam Barry and the other boys were strong for this set-up.

Why would it not be a good idea for you to write John Bum, even though he is off of our Committee, Sam Barry, Hobbie Hobson, Frosty Cox, Henry Iba and some of the men who have been at these sectional, regional playoffs as well as national, and get their reaction? We do receive some criticisms when we have a Western, Eastern playoff and then the finals. So many people think that we take too much time from school and Sam Barry's contention is that one tournament would do the job; all of us would lose less time away from school, especially if we could play the tournament during the Easter vacation. I know there is some religious objection to that but I think that is the best time. If we can always consider putting the tournament during Easter vacation then very few teams would lose time from their classes.

The contract that I signed with the Municipal Auditorium said that in October we would be forced to make a decision if and when the Municipal Auditorium had been asked for dates by other outside parties. We are holding an option on several dates.

I have been corresponding with Floyd Rowe concerning the dates that the Basketball Rules Executive Committee are to decide on for their rules meeting, and the place. I was trying to play ball with you and endeavoring to have the basketball rules meeting at the same place and near the dates of the basketball playoff. This may not be at all necessary but I wrote Floyd that I was holding for the meeting to be held in Kansas City on account of the tournament dates tentatively planned there. Floyd wrote me confidentially stating that the vote was largely against me. I thought I would pass this on to you in confidence so that if you considered it important you might see what you could do with him. So far as I am concerned, if you feel that the



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committee would vote for New York then I personally would not oppose it because I think our tournament will draw regardless whether the rules committee meeting or the Association meeting was being held near the same date. I will go along with Floyd and the rest of the boys, but we would be building up Nat Holmes' program in New York by sending all around to play off there. Since you are chairman of this committee I have presumed that you have talked to Floyd about this heretofore.

It is deucedly hot here and personally I wish that I had a camp to go to. We finish our eight weeks of summer session work next week and then I am going to the University of Texas for a week for coaching school, and then double back to the Kansas State High School Coaching School in Topeka for a week. Mail will be forwarded to me if I should be gone when you write again.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, *President*

COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

July 31, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

At last I think the date has been set for the fall meeting of the Executive Committee of the N. C. A. A. I have the word that they are planning to meet in Chicago at the Hotel Sherman, September 6 and 7; I also understand they are expecting to give some time then to a consideration of the basketball tournament program. I have written Owens suggesting that you, St. Clair and myself should be there to present the tournament picture to the Executive Committee. I feel if we three are there we can get this whole matter straightened out so we can chart a course for this next tournament immediately, thus enabling us to go ahead with definite plans in a way we haven't been able to heretofore. Just as soon as I get further information I will get in touch with you.

I still do not know what to think about the eight-team tournament in Kansas City as opposed to the Eastern and Western play off item. I feel pretty definite, from a financial standpoint, the Eastern and Western play-off program offers a good deal more in the way of financial income than if we were to hold the eight-team tournament in Kansas City. If you have any definite reaction in this matter, I would be glad to hear it. Have you been able to sound out any of the men out in your section as to what they think of the relative merits of the two plans?

It has been terrifically hot here the last two weeks and I am going back to camp today. However, any mail addressed to me here will be forwarded and I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

*ole*

H. G. Olsen  
Basketball Coach

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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August 14, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am making a canvass of the members of our selection committees, etc., plus a number of other coaches, to find out if they have any definite reaction about the relative merits of the eight team tournament as compared with the present set-up of Eastern and Western play-offs with the final game between the two winners.

I do not believe there is any particular advantage in the eight team tournament idea. First of all, I think it has less chance of succeeding financially, and, secondly, I think the total time away from classes would be greater under the eight team tournament than it is under the present plan. The only teams that suffer under the present arrangement are the two teams who go through to the finals and I have the feeling they for the most part are rather glad to make a sacrifice of this kind in order to play for the National Collegiate Basketball championship.

I suppose by this time you have had word from either John Griffith or Bill Owens to the effect that they want you to come along to Chicago for the meetings on September 6 and 7. I hope to have some reactions from these letters so that we can dispose of the matter of whether we are going to run a eight team tournament or continue with the present scheme.

As to the place of meeting for the Basketball Rules Committee, I have not heard further from Floyd Rowe but I also registered with him the definite opinion that the Rules Committee should again meet in Kansas City at the time of the N.C.A.A. Tournament or shortly thereafter. I hate to see Nat Holman and some of that Eastern gang succeed in pulling the Rules Committee to New York after the way they selected their place of meeting.

I am here in Columbus only for a couple of days and am going back up to camp, but in case you have anything to write me about, mail addressed to me here at Columbus will be forwarded immediately. I will be looking forward to seeing you in Chicago if I don't hear from you prior to that time.



F.C.A. #2

August 14, 1940

By the way, I had a letter from John Doyle, Editor of the American Sports Publishing Company in New York. He tells me that Dan Partner's article was too sketchy and sparse. I am in hopes you have been able to get Partner to write a better article including more of the highlights of the tournament at Kansas City. If you are not too busy with things I wonder if you would follow this up and see that he gets something suitable into John Doyle's hands just as soon as possible. Also, was there a N.C.A.A. "All" team picked? If there was, please get that into the write-up.

Very Sincerely yours,

*H. G. Olsen*  
H. G. Olsen

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Dictated Aug. 13

P.S. By the way, Phog, can you send on to me the final report for your Western play-off and the final game? I am under the necessity of presenting a final report to the N.C.A.A. when we arrive there on September 6 and, of course, my report will be incomplete unless yours is complete.

H.G.O.



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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August 16, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

After the National Collegiate Basketball Tournament last season, there was some comment to the effect that we would be following a better procedure if we had one tournament of eight teams, representing the eight districts of the N.C.A.A., play off at some good spot like Kansas City, for example, rather than to conduct the tournament as we have been doing heretofore through a Eastern play-off and a Western play-off, followed by the final game between the winners of these two tournaments.

I am wondering if you have any definite reaction as to the relative merits of the two plans. The objection to the present plan, as offered by a few coaches, was that it meant too much time away from classes. I am not sure that this is a valid objection, because the time away from classes would probably be greater, on the whole, if we were to have the single eight team tournament. The only teams that would be forced to be away from classes under the present plan would be the two teams who play in the final game. There is no question but what a single eight team tournament would be a big tournament, but I am pretty definitely of the opinion that such a tournament would have less chance of succeeding financially (unfortunately, we do have to look at this side of the picture) than the plan we have had in effect.

There is to be a meeting very shortly of the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the matter of the basketball tournament will come up for discussion. I wonder if you wouldn't be kind enough to forward to me immediately any reaction you might have concerning the tournament. It is our hope that we can announce definite plans for the coming N.C.A.A. Tournament much earlier than we have been able to do in the past. I am sure you will agree the earlier we can make definite plans the better satisfied all coaches will be. So won't you please write to me at once, if you care to register an opinion in regard to this matter?

Very sincerely yours,

*H.G. Olson*

H.G. Olson  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

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August 23, 1940

Mr. W. B. Owens, President  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Stanford University  
California

Dear President Owens:

I have just returned from the University of Texas where we had a special coaching school and now commuting back and forth from Topeka where the Kansas State Athletic Association has another. Between these times I get caught up on my correspondence. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your good letter of the 12th and I assure you I consider it a pleasure and honor to meet with your Executive Committee in Chicago on September 6th and 7th to discuss the problems in connection with the basketball tournament.

However, I feel that I should be utterly frank in every detail in dealing with you so I should tell you that at our N.C.A.A. basketball meeting in Kansas City on March 31, the eight district basketball representatives met with Oswald Tower and Olson and we all agreed that if we were to fairly present our case to the Executive Committee that St. Clair as chairman of the N.C.A.A. basketball group, Olson as chairman of the tournament committee and I as the managing director of the Kansas City tournament should be present at that meeting.

On my way up to Kansas from Austin I stopped in Dallas and learned that St. Clair had voted for me instead of for himself, and I learned that Saint is not counting on being in Chicago. If St. Clair is not to be there then I feel I must decline as chairman because I would not want to take the responsibility under the conditions. I understand, of course, that Olson as chairman of the tournament committee could perhaps handle the job without either St. Clair or me being there. Our feeling in that committee meeting was that certainly basketball has made enough money to justify the chairman's attendance.

President Owens, what we do at that meeting is an important thing. I want to assure you that I see eye to eye with you when it comes to pot hunting. I am not in favor of giving any boy a pot of gold just because he is fortunate enough to play on a varsity team.

I would have felt much better had I not had a team represented in the tournament. I could have then expressed my mind and my attitude much better than if I had not been placed in the position that I was. I do know that many of our college coaches are desirous of playing their sport on a higher plane than basketball has held, and if they can by



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some added work on their part add to the prestige then they are happy. But I do know that a great majority of them feel that unless they can, like the track coaches group, advance the prestige of their sport, then they are not so keen on doing the added job.

It is for that reason that I pledge you and the Executive Committee my very best thought, energy and enthusiasm in keeping this sport clean along with the ideals of the N.C.A.A. At the same time, I must express the feeling of those coaches whose attitude will either help or hinder the progress of these tournaments which have a fair chance of succeeding.

I am hoping that Mr. St. Clair may be asked along with Mr. Olson and me to this meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Mr. Olson  
Mr. St. Clair



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Stanford University,  
Stanford University, Calif.  
August 12, 1940

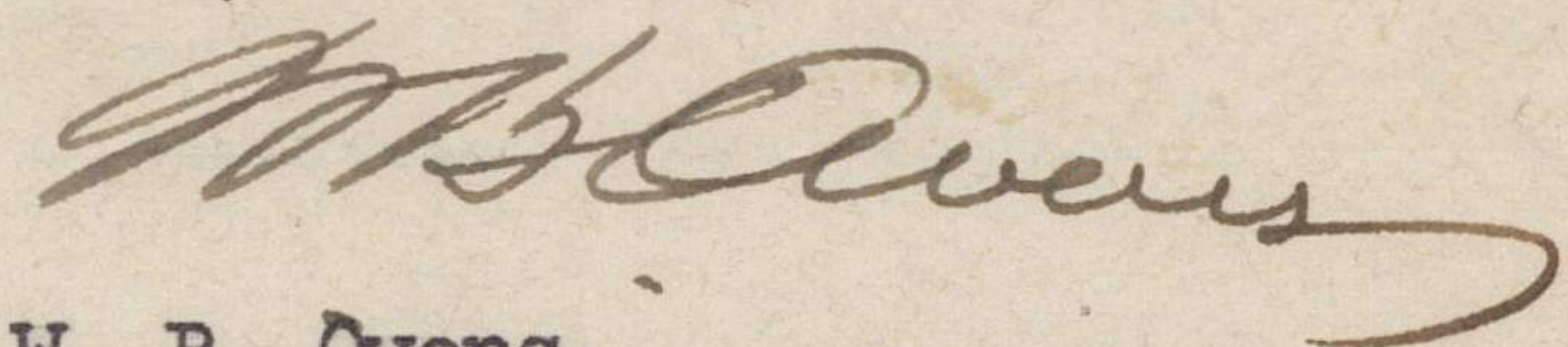
Doctor Forrest C. Allen,  
Athletic Director,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

You will recall at the time of our discussion in Kansas City last Spring, that I suggested that representatives of the Basketball Committee attend the next meeting of our Executive Committee to discuss problems in connection with the basketball tournament. Our Executive Committee meets in Chicago September 6th and 7th at the Sherman Hotel. I will be very glad to have you attend if possible at that time.

I am also asking Mr. Olsen of Ohio State to be present.

Sincerely yours,



W. B. Owens,  
President.

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August 23, 1940

N.C.A.A. F

Mr. H. G. Olsen  
Department of Physical Education  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Ole:

A copy of the attached wire was sent to you yesterday. I feel very strongly that St. Clair should be present at our Chicago meeting, and the fact that we made enough money this year to justify his attendance causes me to appeal to you for such a decision. This meeting with the Executive Committee should be a history making meeting. Either we will set out a plan whereby the coaches of the nation will support this tournament, or we will make rules which will cause them not to support it, and the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament will die. It will take much patience, careful planning, and the best brains that we have to put the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament among the top-ranking N.C.A.A. activities, and with all of that it can be made a definite money maker.

My notion was to have an eight-team tournament during the week of Easter vacation and not during the regular academic term. Easter falls a little late this year but I believe with the success of the Rose Bowl games and the Christmas games which come a month after football season that it would be an easy matter to keep these successful teams in training for a month. In fact, a two-weeks rest after the basketball season is over would be the very thing a team needs, and then light practices up until the time the trip is made, Easter week would be a stimulating thing. Ole, I am looking at the thing from the standpoint of reducing the objections by educators to this basketball tournament. The fact that we would take no time away from school and would give the boys an educational trip would put the basketball tournament in the same position as the Rose Bowl game, or the East-West game. As a matter of fact, the coast games do take some time away from the boys' study, but if you played this tournament during Easter week you would lose no time from school.

I may face a possible protest by the Ministerial Alliance on the possible project of playing the games during Easter vacation. You will remember we played the finals last year during Easter vacation and I called the Ministerial Alliance and told them that I regretted that the games were held at that time but that there was no alternative. The President of the Alliance said, "Don't worry about that. They have rodeos and shoots and all sorts of things, so I see no reason why you shouldn't have basketball games." In fact, many ministers attended the games and then flew home either Saturday night or Sunday morning. So, my suggestion, Ole, was to set the national play-off during Easter week so that there would be as little time as possible lost.



You will understand that I have no objection to the Eastern-Western play-off and then the national, but personally, a big play-off during Easter week in my opinion is the biggest thing that could come to basketball. In your circular letter I noted that, of course, you did not mention Easter vacation time. Also in the letter you asked for an opinion, and at the same time argued against the eight-team tournament idea. You would hardly get an unbiased vote by this procedure.

On August 12 Bill Owens wrote me from Stanford saying that the Executive Committee meets in Chicago on September 6 and 7 at the Sherman Hotel. He says:

"You will recall at the time of our discussion in Kansas City last Spring, that I suggested that representatives of the Basketball Committee attend the next meeting of our Executive Committee to discuss problems in connection with the basketball tournament. Our Executive Committee meets in Chicago September 6th and 7th at the Sherman Hotel. I will be very glad to have you attend if possible at that time.

"I am also asking Mr. Olsen of Ohio State to be present."

I am replying to him this morning, sending a copy of my wire to him and imploring him to have Mr. St. Clair. Personally, I would not want to take the responsibility of you and I alone doing this job without Saint. And too, since I have borne the blunt of this distribution problem in my conversation with Mr. Owens and Professor May, I would not want to put myself in a position of opposing these gentlemen who feel that the N.C.A.A. organization should have all the money. In my opinion, this scheme of President Owens' is doomed to failure and our tournament is whipped forever. So I prefer to let them outline their strategy and policy rather than to have me oppose it because I would be misunderstood if I presented the case as I see it.

If the three of us meet together we could so temper our reasoning so that all of us could be agreed upon the policy presented to the N.C.A.A. and no one individual in particular could be put in a position of opposing the men of high authority. For that reason, I stand on my former statement that I would not care to attend the meeting unless Saint, you and I were there to discuss the matters in fullest detail before we presented them to the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee.

I would have felt very much better last year had I not been represented by a team. I could have then without stint of selfishness presented the case even more vehemently for the team members who participated. I am not for the individuals getting a pot of gold, in fact, I see eye to eye with the officials of the Executive Committee having the players assume the role as pot hunter, but I do believe that these institutions who go to the finals should have their treasuries enriched in a small degree because it then gives that sport prestige with their own athletic committee and their University. Every administrative officer of any institution that I have talked with thinks that the



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teams that go to the semi-finals and finals should have a proportionate part of the earnings that they create. While it may be under the auspices of the N.C.A.A., it is actually the teams participating that draw the crowd and the N.C.A.A. in turn share in the returns on account of being the fraternal body. But in my opinion it is wrong to expect to take it all.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: St. Clair



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Lawrence, Kansas  
August 22, 1940

HAROLD G. OLSEN  
BASKETBALL COACH  
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MY COACHING SCHOOLS AND AM DISTURBED REGARDING MY CONVERSATION WITH JIM ST. CLAIR AT DALLAS. BILL OWENS WANTED ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE BESIDES YOU AT CHICAGO AND JIM NOMINATED ME INSTEAD OF HIMSELF. AT OUR KANSAS CITY MEETING SUNDAY MARCH THIRTY-FIRST YOU SAINT AND I AGREED THAT IF WE WERE TO FAIRLY PRESENT OUR CASE THAT THIS NUMBER WOULD BE THE MINIMUM.

IF SAINT IS NOT TO BE THERE THEN I FEEL THAT I MUST DECLINE BECAUSE HE IS CHAIRMAN AND I WOULD NOT WANT TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE CONDITIONS. CERTAINLY BASKETBALL HAS MADE ENOUGH MONEY TO JUSTIFY THE CHAIRMAN'S ATTENDANCE. PLEASE REPLY WESTERN UNION.

FORREST C. ALLEN



August 23, 1940

*D.C. Allen*

Dr. J. W. St. Clair  
Director of Physical Education  
Southern Methodist University  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Saint:

It took two days to figure out a wire to send to Ole. I first thought that I would call him up and then it was not clear enough in my mind regarding the reasons as to why I would not attend unless certain things happened. Yesterday I made up my mind I would wire him and then I would follow the wire with a letter. I have done this and am sending you a carbon copy of the communication to Ole.

You can see by my communication that I am not going to Chicago unless you are asked to attend.

Mrs. Allen said this morning that if you people came she was going to write you and ask you to stop in our home over night. You may hear from her shortly because we are counting on that get together in Chicago.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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September 12, 1940

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Mr. W. B. Owens, President  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Stanford University  
California

Dear President Owens:

I have just returned from my trip to Chicago where we had our meeting with the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. and I find your letter awaiting me.

I will be very happy to cooperate with the National Collegiate in every way possible. I am happy to comply with your request No. 1. I fear, however, that I would not be a good contact man with A.A.U. organizations because we have not had pleasant relations since 1936 when I refused to have anything to do with basketball when it was under their domination. This refers to the trip to Berlin. I withdrew and labeled the outfit as a quadrennial, oceanic, hitch-hiking crew. Doubtless you could get someone else in this district to serve a better purpose and who would be more harmonious with the A.A.U. than I am.

Yes, I realize that more than 90% of all our Olympic participants are either undergraduates or recent college graduates. I heartily agree that the A.A.U. has assumed a lot more authority than they should possess. When we realize that the A.A.U. does not own a hurdle, an athletic field or a single building that is used for athletic participation, then we realize their inherent weakness. The N.C.A.A. serves a clientele so much differently that no like comparison can be made.

I emphatically feel that the college should and must see to it that qualified men are in charge of the program. You may count on my active participation but I am afraid that I am not the best man in this locality to do this job.

Will you please advise me of your choice?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
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September 9, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

The Quadrennial Meeting of the Olympic Association is scheduled to be held this November in Washington, D. C. The National Collegiate Athletic Association is interested in securing the selection of proper officials for the conduct of the Olympic Games, which we assume will be continued when the present disturbed world conditions are over.

I am asking several men in different parts of the country to take steps to insure proper representation at the Olympic Association Meeting of the organizations in their districts which are entitled to vote. I would like to have you serve in this way in your area. The important steps to be taken appear to be these:-

(1) To contact the college conferences which are, or have been, members of the Olympic Association, and urge them to see that their dues are paid, and further to urge them to send a representative to the Association Meeting. Proxy voting is not permitted.

(2) To contact local A.A.U. organizations which are entitled to vote and endeavor to secure their cooperation in the selection of proper officials for the conduct of the Olympic program.

As you know, in several of the major sports on the Olympic program, college undergraduates, or recent graduates, constitute over 90% of the competing athletes. We feel that the colleges should, and must, see to it that properly qualified men are in charge of this program.

May I count on your active cooperation? Time is short and we must act at once.

Sincerely yours,

*W. B. Owens.*

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Stanford University,  
Stanford University, Calif.  
September 18, 1940

Doctor Forrest C. Allen, Director of  
Physical Education and Recreation,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I found your letter of September 12 awaiting me on my return from the east. I was very glad of having the opportunity of seeing you again and hope that the arrangement we worked out will prove satisfactory.

I am sorry to note that you feel your inability to serve in the matter of contacting the local A.A.U. organizations, but I quite appreciate that some of our most vigorous members have disqualified themselves somewhat so far as the A.A.U. is concerned. I wish there were more who had made the fight along that line. Could you suggest anyone who might be of help in your area as to that part of the program? If you can check up on the college groups which are entitled to membership and endeavor to secure as large a representation as possible from them, it will be of real assistance.

Thanking you for all your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,



W. B. Owens,  
President.

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October 16, 1940

Mr. W.B. Owens, President  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Stanford University  
Stanford University, California

Dear President Owens:

Thank you for your good letter of the 11th instant in which you advise me that the next Quadrennial Meeting will not be held until November 1941. I assure you that I will be happy to keep this in mind and work to secure a large representation for the 1941 meeting.

I am glad that we will be able, in view of the extended time, to work out a more complete plan of procedure.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate in all things, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Stanford University,  
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October 11, 1940

Doctor Forrest C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I wrote you sometime ago regarding the election of officers for the Olympic Association for the next Olympic period. At the time I wrote I assumed that the Quadrennial Meeting would be held next month. A check of the Constitution of the Olympic Association shows, however, that the Quadrennial Meeting is held the year following the Games, which means that the next meeting will not be held until November 1941. However, I think we should regard this merely as giving us a better opportunity to prepare for the meeting, so I hope you will continue to keep the matter in mind and work to secure proper representation at the '41 meeting. We will be able to work out a more complete plan of procedure in the time which it now appears we have available.

I want to thank you for the interest and activity you have already displayed and urge you to continue your efforts.

Sincerely yours,



W. B. Owens,  
President.

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August 23, 1940

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Mr. Floyd Rose, Chairman  
National Basketball Committee  
of United States and Canada  
Board of Education  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

I do not believe that I answered your good letter of the 26th ultimo. I have been in Texas at a coaching school and have been scurrying around over the country so that I could get back to the Kansas State High School Coaching School which I am just finishing in Topeka. On my way from Austin I drove through Dallas and had a nice visit with J. W. St. Clair. Last night I visited with H. V. Porter who is on the faculty of the Kansas State High School Coaching School.

I did not discuss at all with Porter the vote for New York, but I did mention it to St. Clair and he said he had forgotten how he had voted. He has a wife who is very ill and I can understand how he might forget these things. All I desired was that Olsen and St. John be notified because if Nat Holman placed the cards so as to throw the meeting to New York, then I wanted them to be fully appraised. And I did not believe that Saint or Ole or you would want the New York group as it is now constituted to control movement of the committee. In other words, to put the national rules committee in New York at the time of that tournament would be doing exactly what the New York group wanted.

Personally I would just as well like to meet in Chicago, if they did not have the meeting at the time of the play-off of the N.C.A.A. I do not want to build Nat Holman and the New York writers group up any more than it has been possible for them to build themselves up.

I have been corresponding with John T. Doyle, Oswald Tower and other different individuals and I am glad that you like the angle of shifting some of the data in the rule book from time to time. I had a letter from Os and he states that he had taken the matter up with Doyle and John T. was against changing. John T. is tied up with Ralph Morgan. It happens that Ralph Morgan was for years the guardian angel of the eastern inter-collegiate league and the N.A.U., and the American Sports Publishing Company and Ralph Morgan are tied up because it happens that Morgan and that group have worked closely together. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were great friends of John T. and it would break John T.'s heart to do something that was not pleasing to Ralph Morgan. That is the background. So when this is done it will, of course, be handled in a diplomatic way and I am sure that you can handle it. Os is o.k. and so are all the rest of the group. I thank you for your expression.



I had not planned that we do anything this year because the book was too far set, but Os sent it on to John T. and I also sent a copy of Harold Keith's communication on to Mr. Doyle so I was letting him know there was quite a bit of objection in including all the Ralph Morgan stuff in the front of the book.

I have not written Dr. Keene as yet but I have planned that you should keep all the stuff I have sent you. I have learned that Dr. Keene would be away on a vacation during the summer and I thought it would be better to communicate with him during the school period than at present. I do know that there are many medical men who are irate regarding the fast break game in basketball. That caused me to develop the Goal-Hi because many people are concerned about the hearts of the youngsters. The circular goal causes the focus of the activity to be toward the center of the goal, thereby causing the ball not to go out of bounds. By this method the ball is kept in play and ball handling and shifting and goal shooting are developed to the maximum with the amount of shifting back and forth reduced considerably.

As an answer to the protest of the physicians on the fast break I am still of the opinion that the rotation of the center jump by having a jumping order the same as we have a batting order in baseball, may be the logical solution. Certainly we should consider the possibility of taking the ball from out of bounds from after a goal and putting it in place at the division line as one of the possible solutions for slowing up this hectic game that is causing much excitement and too much unfavorable comment toward the game. Basketball is too good a game to draw all the fire of the critics. We should be able to lessen the fire of criticism against this game because it has too many educational qualities to be subjected to this machine gunning by the medical profession.

I am like you, I am tied up in a mass of detail, but when you clear your desk for this fall, I would appreciate your checking on me regarding the Keene article, and if I have not sent it I certainly want to write him a personal letter and present to him my best thought for the elimination of as many evils as possible, as I see it.

I am leaving with my family to drive to Louisville to visit my daughter and grandchildren, and then I may be called to Chicago on September 6 and 7 to meet with the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee. We have not ironed out all of our difficulties regarding tournament possibilities.

I trust you have had a very pleasant summer and that you are feeling 100% again. Somewhere in my agenda I have a letter concerning the politics of the Big-6 and the N.C.A.A., etc. I want you to know I greatly appreciate



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what you have written because I still think there are some boys down that way that would be delighted in seeing some change. I am not a jealous cuss at heart but sometimes I recognize situations.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
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July 26, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear Phog:

Replying to a couple of your letters, wish to say first of all, that it looks as though the vote is against you for the meeting place next year. I haven't announced it yet, but it is four for New York, one for Kansas City, and I am not voting. Confidentially, I talked to Saint about the situation, and I have written to Olie. After I hear from Olie, if he has any strong prejudices in the matter, I think I will take the liberty of using some of the material in your letter and re-canvass the committee in regard to the meeting. I am sure you appreciate the necessity for abiding by the majority opinion of the board in regard to the date and place of the meeting. Incidentally, the time is set. Everybody agreed on that. As indicated, however, I will try to handle the situation, if it requires handling, when I hear from Olie, as tactfully as I can, and so as not to embarrass you, will not quote you directly but simply state your viewpoint as though it were mine, if this is agreeable to you.

Now then, replying to your letter with the copy of the criticism, wish to say I think that is good stuff. We on the committee know Tower sufficiently well so that we know he is not hide-bound. He may be conservative, but he certainly is open-minded and will take more abuse from the members of the committee good-naturedly than any one I can think of. I believe there is a point to the criticism voiced and for that reason, believe it would be helpful in making out Guide a better one another year.

I have gone over quite carefully the material you sent me, and think it is pretty good stuff.



Dr. Forrest C. Allen

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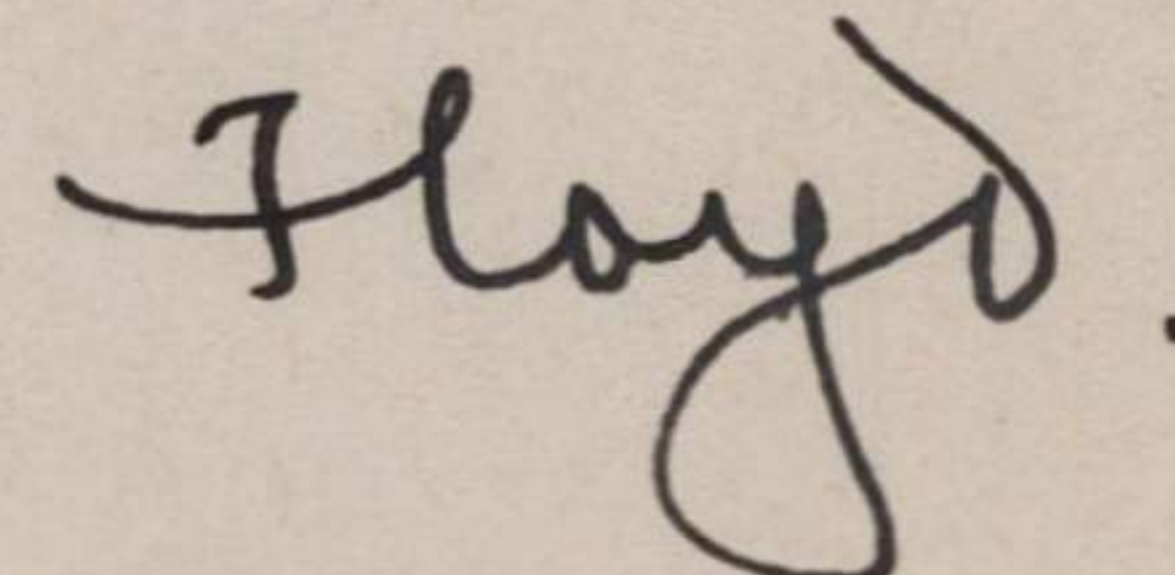
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I am not particularly excited about Keene's material, but at the same time, it does represent a point of view which I believe is deserving of attention. Later on in the Fall, I shall again canvass the situation insofar as members of the committee are concerned, see how many have seen fit to reply to Keene, and try to arrive at a summation of opinion of the committee in regard to it. At any rate, the criticism was written constructively, and it seems to me that we should give the case consideration.

I didn't know whether this material you sent me was a file copy. If it is, I will be glad to return it. If not, I will be glad to keep it. Kindly let me know what your wish is. Probably a copy of it should go forward to Keene because I think it has some bearing on his contention. However, if copies are scarce, I will be glad to send him mine, providing you allow me to keep it, because he is a most meticulous cuss, and I am sure he will give it careful attention and return it.

With personal regards and trusting that the Summer treats you not too unkindly in the way of hot weather, I am

Sincerely yours



Chairman

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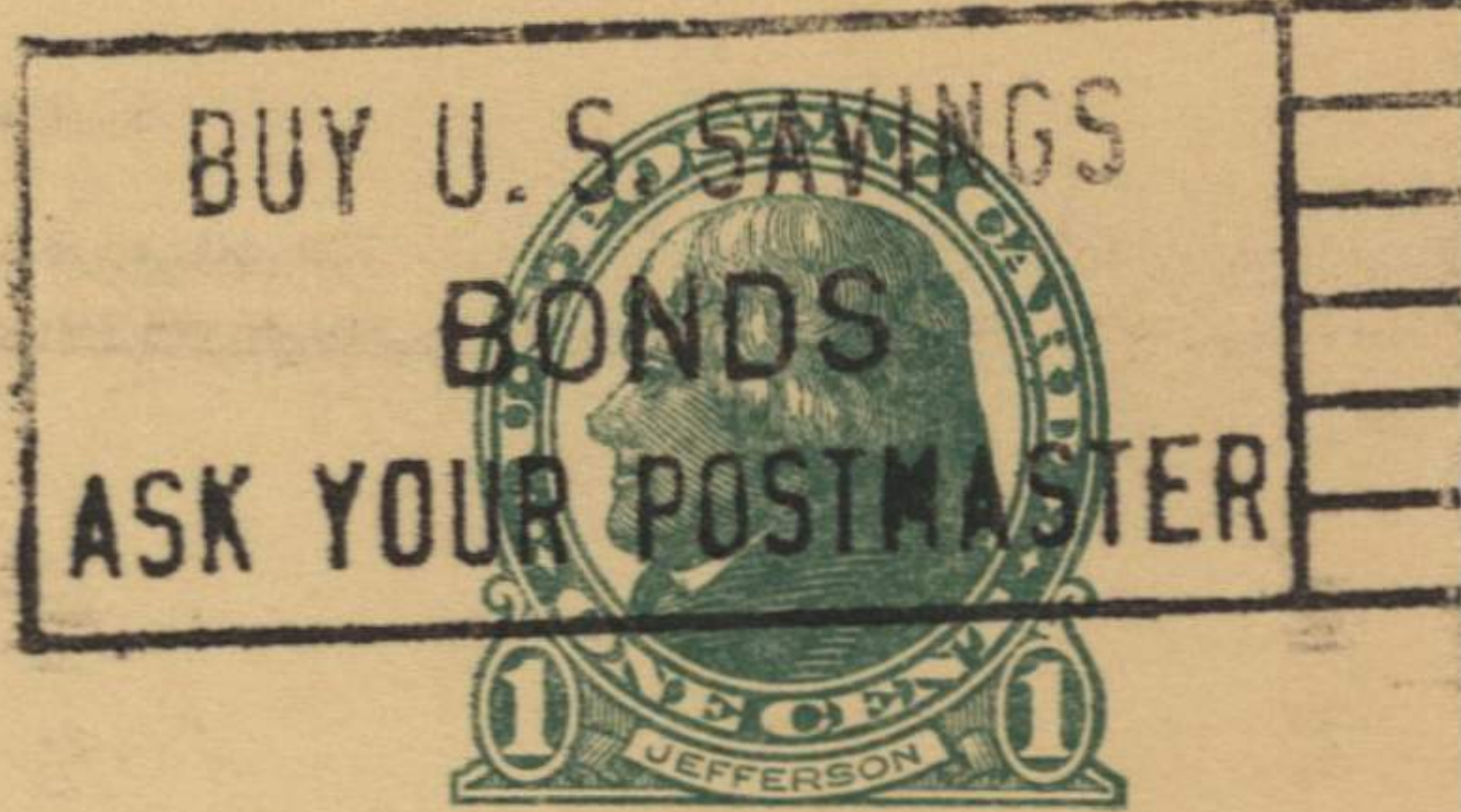
I imagine you received a similar notice, but  
I wanted to keep you advised of the fact that apparently  
they were not successful in putting over the job of pub-  
lishing their basketball rule guide. This is for your  
information.



Assent to Wichita, Kan



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Dr. Forest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas



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