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Mr. Harold Olsen
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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