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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  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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