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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.