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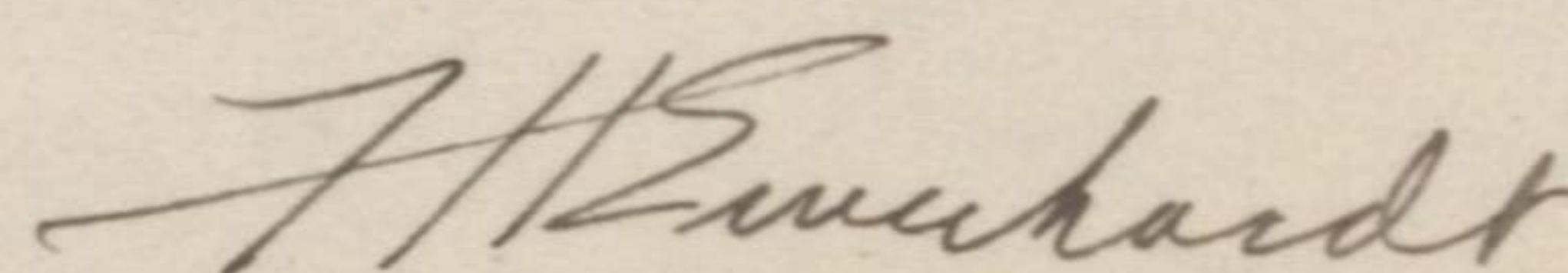
Dear Mr. Henry:-

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is organizing a basketball tournament to be held at the conclusion of the 1938-39 season. This tournament, organized at the suggestion of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, is to be the only official National Collegiate Basketball Tournament. Mr. H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, is the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, and Forrest C. Allen, of the University of Kansas, is the Chairman for the Fifth District. They are very anxious that all member schools cooperate fully. Further communication in regard to the plans for the holding of this tournament and possibly qualifying tournaments in the various districts will be sent to you very shortly.

Your active support is needed in order that the development of so-called national tournaments by non-collegiate interests be retarded. There has been a growing tendency toward the promotion of this type of tournament, sometimes under the guise of charity and sometimes, apparently, for private gain of promoters. As an example, may I site, that in our district, during the last two years, groups of private individuals, not officially associated with our Universities, promoted a tournament calling it the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament.

Naturally, since the National Collegiate Athletic Association is sponsoring their own official tournament, we members of the Fifth District should give it our unlimited support to the exclusion of any other national tournament. It seems to me that it is not out of order to suggest to all members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, who last year lent their support to the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament, to transfer their allegiance to our own National Collegiate Basketball Tournament.

Yours very truly,



F. H. Ewerhardt

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