

Lawrence, Kansas
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Mr. George Edwards,
University of Missouri.

Mr. W. Harold Brown,
University of Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I see that we are on the Convention Committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. "Butch" Grover has written stating that he would be pleased to leave the selection of a speaker entirely in my hands. He says, "You should know the men from your immediate section who would do us a good job on such an occasion."

He suggests that he would like to see a man who knows both the coaching side and also the academic side of a university, someone who might discuss the tenure of the coaching profession, the importance of a close association of our athletic coaches with the faculty of their respective colleges and universities, and related matters. "In other words," he says, "looking to the future, which I am sure is to come shortly, the coaches as members of the faculty with faculty ranking, somewhat with insurance on their jobs."

Now, George and Harold, I would be glad to have your ideas. I had in mind endeavoring to get one of the outstanding G-Men of the country who might be located in Kansas City. It would be a great thing if we could catch Mr. Atherton coming this way. As you know, he is the G-Man who is commissioner of athletics on the West coast. I am writing John Burn today to see if he can find out anything about the possibility of his being in the east or coming this way at such a time. What do you think of that possibility? I would certainly be glad to have your advice, as I do not intend to do anything unless we are all agreed that we are getting an outstanding man.

Trusting to hear from you at a very early date with your suggestions, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Convention Committee.

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