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Dear "Doc":

This will acknowledge your letter of January 23. Your account of your escapades with California brought buckets of tears flowing down my usually dry cheeks. Your gang certainly were a bruised outfit after those *quelling contests*. I must say, however, that the Cal. boys are capable of such atrocities when they really go on a rampage. We managed to scrape through successfully with them on our first encounter. We are playing them again this Friday in what I think will be quite a crucial game of the season. I am keeping my fingers crossed. I have a pretty formidable gang this year, however. They are all basketball minded, a very willing bunch, and I don't believe I've ever had a squad with a finer spirit. In addition, I have one very outstanding boy, Hank Luisetti. He put on a remarkable exhibition the other evening when he scored 30 points against U. S. C. and did the most of his scoring when there was just fifteen minutes left to play. If I ever saw an inspired team, we had one that evening. As a result, we are now on the top of the conference by a margin of one game. I'll admit it is a rather shaky position but I think we have about as good a chance as anyone else. I'll have my whole gang back again next year and the most of them for two more years. I am planning somewhat on coming through the Middlewest again during the Christmas vacation. Providing, of course, that I can promote the proper financial arrangement.

With respect to the center jump, Doc, I can't help but feel, and I am enforced in this feeling from your letter, that you are taking the attitude that even if something is good, you wouldn't like it. I really believe that any coach, no matter how prejudiced he is at the start, if he will open mindedly look into the matter and will play in three major contests without the center jump that he will change his attitude entirely concerning such a change in the rules. Incidentally, I like the circle idea which you have suggested. We tried it out with Nebraska out here and it is o.k. by me. However, I do not think that it in any way affects the elimination of the center jump. It is good for held balls for many reasons which you probably have already advanced. All I ask in the consideration of the center jump is a fair and unbiased discussion of it, not an oratorical and dramatic smoke screen to becloud the real issue as was the case at our last meeting. I was not hurt at losing the fight, but I was hurt at the unfair tactics from what was presumed to be a sporting crowd. You, in particular, Doc, told me up in your room the day of your arrival in Chicago that you would not oppose the center jump on the floor of the convention. Don't you think you forgot this statement rather quickly?