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Mr. J. E. Naismith,
1347 Winfield Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Jack:

I am writing you at your request to give you the information concerning the set-up of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the so-called Intercollegiate Basketball Championship tournament of the United States. The National Collegiate organization is an organization of colleges of the United States. The National Collegiate publishes the National Basketball Guide in conjunction with the National High School Federation, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Canadian Association.

This National Collegiate organization derives its powers from the presidents of the universities, and they delegate their powers to the faculty representatives who make the laws for the Association. The faculty representatives empower the athletic directors and coaches with authority to serve on the National Collegiate committees, such as the Rules Committee, and so forth. The National Collegiate has as honorary members for life your father, Dr. James Naismith, chairman, L. W. St. John of Ohio State University, Ralph Morgan, A. B. Metzdorf, and George T. Hepbron, two of Dr. Naismith's former friends and acquaintances.

I am enclosing a copy of the letterhead of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada. Your father's name does not appear on this letterhead because only active members' names appear hereon, but in the Basketball Rules Guide following the National Collegiate Athletic Association set-up your father's name does appear along with the other National Collegiate members. In the front pages of Spalding's Guide are the names and on the following pages are the photographs of the honorary life members. I am sending you also a letterhead of the National Association of Basketball Coaches in which your father's name appears as the honorary president.

Now for the National Intercollegiate Basketball champion tournament of the United States. There is no organization of faculty representatives, and Mr. E. B. Liston is the acting executive secretary of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball. You will notice on this sheet that the prizes are the