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Dear Coach:

The United States Government has asked the Coaches Association to call off its planned Conference for March, 1945. This is because the attendance last year was above the fifty member limit now allowed.

We are, however, allowed such a conference as we had in March, 1943, when the Executive Committee met and invited in for one session all those Association members who were already in New York attending the Basketball tournaments. Following this enlarged meeting, the Committee went into executive session for the completion of the necessary business and for formal vote on recommendations to the National Rules group.

The National Invitation tournament together with NCAA Easterns and NCAA finals will be held in New York on March 17-27 approximately.

In September, we sent out 450 return postal cards to colleges and universities asking the whereabouts of the pre-war coach, the name of the present coach and whether the team would be made up of civilian or service students or both. 89% of those replying said there would be a team. Of those schools not planning a team, 25% later decided to have teams--you can't keep a good game down!

The Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball committee of NYC has made a gift of \$500 to the National Coaches Association. Ned Irish has matched this with another \$500 to the Association from the Garden Corporation. There are no strings to these gifts but the suggestion was made that we revive some medium of information such as the bulletin or a news letter for the Association. These financial aids to the Association treasury are particularly important at this time when our income from membership dues is practically nil. Our heartiest thanks to these donors and our assurances that the money will be used in ways worthwhile to the game of basketball.

Shortly, you will receive the report of the 1944 meetings.