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Mr. F. C. Allen  
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Dear Mr. Allen:

There has been quite some debate on the representative basketball superiority of those teams under the N.C.A.A. and the best of the crop usually invited to compete in the Intercollegiate tourney.

As it is scheduled to happen this early spring, both groups will hold their tournaments in Kansas City and in connection with this I would like to ask your opinion of an idea I have in mind.

As an official of the N.C.A.A., do you believe it would be possible for the two, or three top teams of each tourney to meet in a one-night play-off--say, for the benefit of the Finnish Relief fund. Of course the main idea would be to get some idea of the superiority of the N.C.A.A. over the national Intercollegiate tourney members, or vice-versa. But playing for the Finnish Relief fund would be a nice gesture and I believe it might be possible to get the auditorium in Kansas City at a minimum charge, if any for that night.

I am also writing a note to officials of the Intercollegiate set up for their attitude towards the above.

I believe the publicity attached to such a play-off would be stupendous.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience giving your opinion on the matter, and if favorable, I would be glad to follow your suggestions if you have any in mind.

With kindest personal regards,

yours sincerely,

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