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Mr. Edward J. Hickox
Springfield College
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hickox:

A copy of your letter under date of December 12 addressed to members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States has reached me. This, in spite of the fact that I was not extended the courtesy of having it mailed direct, though my name appears on the membership roll of the Association.

I think, Mr. Hickox, you are too seriously concerned about the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball being a "devisive" organization or "one that might well weaken the power and influence of the Basketball Coaches in the United States."

First let us get some things straight. The name "Intercollegiate Basketball" is the official, legally registered trade-marked name given to the official publication of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, a legally organized, unincorporated body.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball membership is institutional, not individual.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball is not a "devisive" organization.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball has not, through its membership or through representatives of its membership, sought to discourage or to alienate members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches or any other organization or individual members of such organization.

It is inconsequential, but for your information, the code for membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball was set up March 15, 1939; while the code for membership to which you refer in the National Association of Basketball Coaches was revamped in a special executive session, hurriedly called after some disturbances occurred in the afternoon meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, more than two weeks later, at Chicago.