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Mr. Harold G. Olsen
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Dear Ole:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your confidential letter which was sent to Saint at Southern Methodist University. This is very nice of you to do this thing for me and I deeply appreciate it. I trust that I may be worthy of your recommendation.

I am wondering if you have written Floyd Rowe. Floyd sent me a copy of a letter that he wrote Chester L. Brewer on May 14, 1940. The fact that Floyd is chairman of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee doubtless would have an added weight, even though he is not a member of the N.C.A.A. body. If Floyd would write Professor French, this undoubtedly would help matters.

Of course, since you and Saint have talked this over together, I know that if anybody can do the job that you and Saint can do it. I will leave this matter entirely in your's and Saint's hands and know you will do what is best for the N.C.A.A. and the Tournament Committee.

Why would it not be a good thing, Ole, for you to write Floyd Rowe stating that you had written St. Clair and had sent a carbon copy of Saint's letter to me, and ask Floyd to send you a copy of his letter as of May 14, 1940 to you. This would enable Saint and you to see what Floyd Rowe has said to Chet Brewer, and also what assurances that Chet gave Floyd. If you and Saint think well of it, perhaps Floyd may care to write another letter to Chet Brewer, since the time of the meeting of the N.C.A.A. is so near at hand.

A few years Artie Eilers told me that they were to put in the nomination of George Edwards, and that Professor French was chairman of the Nominating Committee, but when the matter was discussed Artie Eilers told the chairman that he had letters from the coaches of the Missouri Valley and the Big-Six Conferences and they were all unanimously for me with the exception of the University of Missouri. I am very sure that the majority of the coaches have not changed either in the Missouri Valley or the Big-Six. If you feel that that might be a good move, I am very sure that Henry Iba and the Missouri Valley group would be glad to do the same thing again, as did Louis Menze, Harold Browne, and the Big-Six majority group. What do you think about this?

As I said before, I think you and Saint have it well in hand and will know what is best.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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