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Mr. Floyd E. Rowe  
Chairman, National Basketball Committee  
of the United States and Canada  
Board of Education  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Floyd:

I have just had a letter from Ole in which he sent me, in confidence, a carbon copy of a letter that he wrote Jim St. Clair at Southern Methodist University. This was in regard to St. Clair writing C.L. Brewer of Missouri, who is Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Fifth District, and suggesting that Jim send a carbon copy of the letter he writes Brewer to Professor Thomas E. French of Ohio State University, who is Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the N.C.A.A. I wrote Ole that you had written me on May 14, and had sent me a carbon copy of a letter that you wrote Chet Brewer, in which you strongly endorsed me for continuance as Chairman of the Fifth District appointment.

I suggested to Ole that he write you. Doubtless he has already done so. I further suggested that if he would write you it might be a good idea if you would send a carbon copy of the letter to Professor French that you wrote Brewer.

I would not bother you with this, Floyd, only I know the very keen and competitive nature of the two Universities, Missouri and Kansas. Both staffs at these two institutions feel the results of the old Civil War spirit that existed during the border war days. It is too bad that the Civil War is not ended all over the country, since we have had two World Wars since, but in this area its existence still crops out.

I am very sure that you have already done a tremendous lot in impressing Mr. Brewer with your ideas and I sincerely appreciate all that you have done. Maybe nothing else needs be done, but as I iterated, strange things do happen and if it had not been for Artie Eilers four years ago the thing was already cooked up to put George Edwards on the Committee in my place. Artie Eilers spoke up and told Professor French that he had letters from all the coaches in the Missouri Valley and all the coaches save one in the Big-Six as well as the Athletic Directors, saying they wanted me continued. Artie was then chairman of the Nominating Committee, but other factors were at work and I was to be replaced by George Edwards. There is a lot of competition between Kansas and Missouri, Floyd. I am sure that you can understand.

I am trying to clear my desk tonight so I can answer the Dr. Keene communication at once. I should have done this before but I have had charge of the Lawrence Community Chest Drive for the entire University and it has been a whale of a job, and then the YMCA Drive and other details, besides my regular work, has kept me jumping. You will hear from me very shortly on the matter that should have had attention a long time ago.