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To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

By this time you have probably been notified that the annual meeting will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday and Monday, March 30th and 31st. The N.C.A.A. basketball finals will be held on the night of March 29th.

At this time I call attention

- (a) To the enclosed proposed constitution, and
- (b) To the desirability of sending suggestions relative to the annual questionnaire.

Enclosed is copy of the constitution which was drawn up several years ago but which has never been officially adopted. You will recall that it was presented to the group at last year's meeting but the time available was short and the committee decided to postpone action until this year. As far as I know, this constitution was drawn up in such a way as to meet with the approval of all of the constituent groups after a careful study had been made of the sentiment relative to its provisions. It is my belief that it is in conformity with the needs of the committee but you should take the time to study its provisions in order that action may be taken at the annual meeting without consuming too much time which will be needed for the real business at hand, i.e., consideration of the basketball rules for next year. Please bring your copy of the constitution with you to the meeting.

The questionnaire will be made up in a manner similar to that of last year. Each member is invited to submit suggestions. An attempt will be made to incorporate these suggestions in a form which will be passed upon by the members of the questionnaire sub-committee. The final printed form will represent the combined judgment of this sub-committee.

Here are some suggestions relative to what should probably be included in the final questionnaire.

1. Check-up on sentiment relative to important changes of last year.
2. Statistics relative to number of courts equipped with new type backboard, action designed to improve court lighting conditions, sentiment relative to the effect of the game on health of players, extent to which substitutions are made by the use of substitution slips, and extent to which wall clocks are satisfactory as the official timer.
3. Rule proposals for 1941-2 should probably include the following:
 - a. Should substitutions be permitted following a field goal, i.e., any time the ball is dead?
 - b. Should the game be slowed up by requiring that the official handle the ball after a field goal and either hold it for a few seconds or award it to the team scored upon at mid-court out of bounds?
 - c. Should the official go to the scorer's table when the scorer's horn sounds and complete all substitutions at the table?
 - d. Should the rules provide for one scorer, one timer and a supervisor or checker to be assigned specified duties and to be responsible to the