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Dear Professor French:

Wednesday, while talking to Director St. John and Coach Olsen in regard to the situation on the Basketball Rules Committee, Saint raised the point that he thought it would be perfectly logical for me to write you concerning the situation.

There are two scheduled changes with the collegiate representation on the Basketball Committee - Sumner Dole and Forrest Allen. In addition, Curtis Parker is being replaced by Norman Shepard. This means, then, that next year it is possible to have three new college men on the Board. In addition to this, it is almost certain that there will be at least one change in the high school representation. The Y.M.C.A. representation has, with the exception of Dr. Brown and Mr. Hickox, been changing. With all these possible and probable changes, it comes to my mind that if some of them could be avoided, the Rules Committee would profit materially.

As I pointed out to both St. John and Olsen, I feel entirely without any right whatsoever to even make suggestions to National Collegiate authorities in regard to National Collegiate representation. Were I a college man and affiliated with the National Collegiate, no doubt I would feel somewhat differently in regard to the situation. However, I have the assurance of both Saint and Olsen that in your official capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Committees, you would be interested in the situation confronting the Basketball Committee.

With that in mind, then, I will say that Forrest Allen has been an excellent member of the Rules Committee, in my opinion. As a personal friend, I should dislike to see his position taken by someone else.