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Mr. Oswald Tower,  
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Dear Os:

I have an item which I feel should be placed on the agenda of the National Basketball Committee at its meeting this spring. I believe that there should be a discussion within the Rules Committee on the best way to obtain a uniform interpretation of officiating in the United States.

The different representatives on the Rules body, I feel, should take up the problems concerning the inhibitions and sectional differences in officiating to see if we can offer some suggestions that will break down the inter-sectional prejudices that now exist.

I am cognizant of the fact that Dr. Frank P. Maguire, who is a member of our Rules body, is also president of the National Association of Approved Basketball Officials, and that Dr. John Brown, another member of our Rules body, is secretary of the Officials group. But most of the difficulty, so far as we are concerned, is that the members of the Association of Approved Basketball Officials are not our conference officials. It may be different in the East, but in our part of the country we have very few members who officiate our college games.

I was wondering if we could not at least have a discussion of this problem. I have suggested that the different commissioners of basketball in the various conferences take one outstanding official from each section, representing the teams that are playing, and that prior to each game they are to officiate these two outstanding officials get together and discuss their interpretations. And that also prior to the game these officials meet with the two coaches concerned, and then that these outstanding points on interpretation be published