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Dear Ole:

I had hoped that you and I could get together between now and one of the Thanksgivings, but I believe that is impossible so I will endeavor to put on paper what I discussed with you over the phone when I was in Chicago.

I dropped into Major Griffith's office and he asked me to the Wailing Wall Luncheon, which was Monday noon. He also asked me to come in and spend some time with him. Then he got out his papers and showed me he had money to the amount of \$8,269.11, and he wanted to know if I would tell him how the money should be distributed; that they were quite anxious that the money be sent to the colleges. He said if I would give his secretary the method of distribution, he would see that the money was sent out. He asked, "Or do you want to send it out?" I insisted that the checks should be written and disbursed by him. I suggested that they all be made out to the Athletic Association of the various schools and universities interested.

Then we tried to arrive at the amount. We deducted \$2500 from the \$8269.11, which left \$5769.11. Then we divided this \$5769.11 in half, giving the NCAA 50%; which left \$2884.56 for distribution in 14 parts. Indiana and Kansas to receive 3/14, Southern California and Duquesne to receive 2/14, and Colorado, Springfield, Massachusetts College, Rice Institute and Kentucky Teachers to receive 1/14.

Then I tried to figure out where the remaining money was and I figured that if you had \$9512.12 as shown on your report, that you had perhaps taken 10% of \$9512.12 and withheld that, which would be \$951.21. Deducting the 10% from \$9512.12 would leave a balance of \$8560.91. There would still be a discrepancy of \$291.80.

Your telephone message explained the situation to me. I went back to Major Griffith's secretary and stated that I thought it would be better if they could get the definite report from you, and of course, I realize that I was the very individual holding it up, but I was holding it up because I could not find this fellow Smith in his office. Tomorrow, Tuesday, I am going to go down to the City and make this settlement, then on Wednesday I will send you what remaining money there is with a check and a report.

Ole, here is what I frankly think. I believe if you and I could sit down with Major Griffith and tell him that the 10% cut and the 50% cut is too much, he made me definitely understand that they would make the adjustment in the way we feel would be just and honest. There are just a few men running the NCAA and I know the rest of them would go along. After our "Custer's Last Stand" in the