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Major John L. Griffith
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Dear John:

I have your letter in which you give me as a formal record excerpts from the Executive Committee meetings on the disposition of matters pertaining to the basketball tournament. I want to thank you for sending on this information so promptly. Just as soon as I hear from "Phog" Allen with the final report on the Kansas City end of the tournament, I will be able to get the final report of this year's business into you.

I felt the meeting which our committee from the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee had with the Executive Committee was very fine and will be productive of a lot of good. We have now a much clearer understanding of how the Executive Committee desires us to handle the tournament matter and we will, therefore, be able to present a much clearer picture to basketball men throughout the United States.

There is one matter however which I still think is not properly set forth in your letter of September 10. You will recall we had considerable discussion in the meeting as to the N.C.A.A. guaranteeing expenses of teams to the tournament and it was agreed that the N.C.A.A. was not going to assume any responsibility for the expenses, etc., to play-offs within any district; that those play-offs within a district which were looking forward to selecting the representative from that district would be handled by the teams involved; that they would stand the risk and that they would get any profits which came from such play-offs. As to the Western play-off and Eastern play-off and the final game however, it was my understanding we should be able to guarantee expenses of the teams which are involved.

Now, in your notations regarding the distribution of receipts, your third item dealing with the balance of net receipts states that traveling expenses, that is, first class railroad fare and standard lower berth pullman only should be paid, that there should be no payment of hotel bills, meals and other expenses. That was not my understanding and I don't believe we should be operating on that basis in our basketball tournament. In other words, I believe there should be a slight change in this matter of distribution of receipts to conform with what, I am sure, was the understanding of our Rules Committee men with respect to item three under the general heading "Distribution of Receipts" in your letter of September 10.