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I know you were endeavoring to have a uniform method of accounting for all tournament events, however, I notice you do make one special citation with regard to track and field championships and it seems to me we should make another special notation with respect to the basketball tournaments which would permit the Tournament Committee to guarantee all expenses including hotel, meals, etc., instead of just railroad fare and pullman. While there is no doubt in my mind that the tournament will bring in enough revenue to the teams which compete to care for hotel and meals, still I am very sure that the Tournament Committee will find it embarrassing to talk to teams about coming into the tournament if we can't tell them flatly that we are going to guarantee all expenses to the tournament, and also hold out to them a chance of some additional income through the method of prorating which we have agreed upon.

Inasmuch as all expenses were paid in this manner for the 1940 tournament, I would feel I would have to make my report on this year's tournament on that basis and I feel sure the 1941 tournament should be handled in this same manner.

I would appreciate some word from you as to whether this would be a proper method for us to follow.

Very sincerely yours,

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