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Dear "Phog":

I have received a reply to my letter to Major Griffith, with respect to our being able to guarantee expenses for basketball teams in the Eastern and Western play-offs and the final game. He has agreed that that was the understanding and was the way basketball should be handled. I think the statement as sent out in his letter was a hangover from their idea that they wanted some rule that would cover all sports. Well, that just doesn't work out in our case and I have his agreement to make an exception for basketball, the same as they have made to the general rule for the track event, so we are at liberty to go ahead with the matter of guaranteeing the teams' expenses when they participate in the Tournament. That does not include however the play-offs within any district.

President Owens, at one time or another, has suggested allowing expenses at the rate of \$5 per day per man and Griffith asked me what I thought of that amount. I, in turn, am asking you if you think that is adequate and I would like to hear from you on this point before I answer Griffith. I know that out on the Coast when you are traveling there, most of the time you can secure accommodations, hotel and meals, for the flat rate of \$5 per day. Possibly that would be a good figure for us to adopt, but if we think that isn't adequate it seems to me we should so indicate now. Please write me about this.

By the way, I just received a copy of the Basketball Guide and I notice they gave our National Collegiate Tournament the first position and a fine space. I also note the fine article which you had on Dr. Naismith. Congratulations!

Very sincerely yours,

HGO
H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
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