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Mr. H. G. Olsen,
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Dear "Ole":

I have just talked to Hank Iba, of Oklahoma A. & M. over long distance telephone, and he assures me that without any question of doubt he will stay by the National Collegiate tournament. Hank is all right. He recalled the conversation we had last year in Oklahoma when he said he would stick by us, and he had not forgotten us. You will remember that I mentioned this in my letter.

So there is no question about Hank Iba going through on the tournament play. If we could have half as good cooperation from the eastern districts east of the Mississippi River as we have from our western half, the N.C.A.A. would overwhelm the whole country in basketball popularity.

Hank has had a great number of communications from Everett Morris and from Ned Irish and the rest of the boys putting pressure on him, but he will stay with us. You can bet your life on that.

I am giving you a progress report from time to time so that you may keep well informed on the developments as they arise.

I see where Rice Institute beat Texas last night, so it looks like it is Rice in the Southwest. And U.S.C. will undoubtedly win on the Pacific Coast, and Colorado will be the fair-haired boys in the Rocky Mountain district. We are staging quite a hectic struggle here and it may be the Oklahoma Aggies and either Missouri, Oklahoma or Kansas. But that will be decided soon. Things are coming along fine here.

I have just finished reading the copy of your letter to Phil Badger, and it looks great. If New York will come through with the Garden that set-up will be marvelous. I would like to have a copy of Badger's letter to you so that I can better understand the slant of your letter to him. It looks like Ned Irish is cooperating pretty well to give them the Garden that night. I would also like to have the slant on that.

Very cordially yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation.