

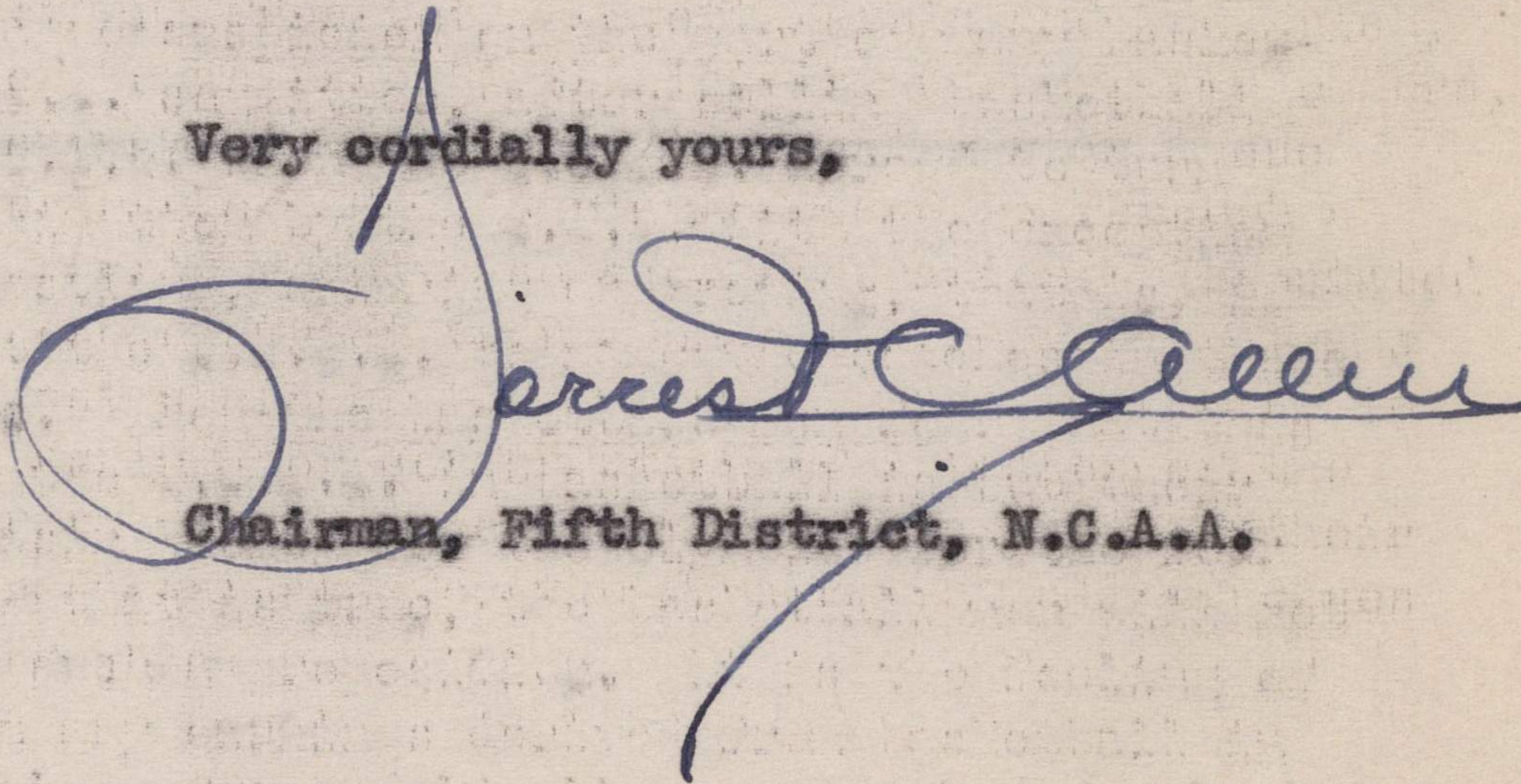
It is the feeling of many prominent basketball men that the National Collegiate could set up a certain program wherein the pick of the colleges of the N.C.A.A. could compete with the A.A.U. and defeat the best A.A.U. team of the country. Major Griffith asked me some few years ago what I thought the chance of a college team would be against the A.A.U. I told him that while the best college team could not beat the best A.A.U. team as college teams are now constituted, it was my definite opinion that the pick of the college teams over the country could be formed into a team that would beat the best A.A.U. team now existing, provided that the colleges made certain enactments that would prohibit college seniors from joining A.A.U. teams the year of the Olympic play-off.

It is my opinion that a definite long range view must be taken by the administrators of the N.C.A.A. of this very important policy that I have stressed, else we will find a crumbling away of our best teams in favor of promotional tournaments.

Would it not be a wise thing to discuss with the leaders of our college coaches this problem, but before discussing the matter with them some broad policy should be outlined by the N.C.A.A. administrators so that the college men could work on some hypothesis that would be understandable to all of the college men interested in a national play-off and members of the N.C.A.A. who abide by the one year residence rule.

I would kindly ask that you determine from the leaders and the administrators of the N.C.A.A. what their attitude is so that we might answer some of the questions that are constantly being presented to me by these legitimately inquisitive souls who want to know what is the best thing for them to do.

Very cordially yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Ernest Allen". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

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Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.