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Mr. H. G. Olsen,  
Basketball Coach,  
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Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

Your good letter of the 14th instant has just been received, and I find myself in hearty accord with all that you and President Owens desire.

Floyd Rowe has asked me to be in Cleveland on the 27th and 28th of November at a rules interpretation meeting for his district. I am wondering if you could communicate with Floyd and find when we would be free and see if there is any chance for you and for me to get together at this time when I am in such close proximity to you. A personal conversation is worth loads of correspondence.

I want you to know that I am intensely interested in making this N.C.A.A. tournament a great success and anything that I can do to make this emphatically a stand-out N.C.A.A. project will receive my tireless support.

Answering the next to the last paragraph in your letter, I have talked to Major Griffith and Saint a great number of times and I, too, believe that the "director" or "faculty" type of individual is the man to have on such committee. At least that type should dominate the committee, and we might have a few of the active coaches so that there would be no great criticism from the coach's angle.

Yes, I do feel that we can successfully operate this season without using newspaper men on our active committee. I had a rather delicate situation confronting me. Liston, who is operating this National Intercollegiate Committee, had the active support of McBride, and he still has it, but I think we are breaking the ice very successfully.

If you could get over to Cleveland at any time that you and Floyd Rowe could agree on so that we might have a conference, I am sure we could iron out a lot of these situations.