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To All Big-Six Coaches:

I understand that the Big-Six Athletic Directors will meet on March 1 at the Big-Six Indoor Track Meet and that one of the subjects that they are to discuss regards the scouting of basketball games.

Nothing has been said to me about the matter, but I believe that Big-Six Coaches should take it up with their Athletic Directors and present the legitimacy of scouting basketball games the same as the legitimacy of scouting football games.

Of course, scouting can be overdone in basketball as in football. But since scouting is done on a big scale in the Big-Ten perhaps it might be well to agree to some sort of a scouting schedule for the Big-Six.

Perhaps it might be well to agree to some sort of a scouting schedule, but since nothing has been said to the Coaches, it might be up to the Coaches to protect themselves by contacting the directors.

While this is being done would it not be fair and equitable to protest the discrimination that is now practiced by the Big-Six in limiting the number of players on visiting and home-team rosters? Certainly no other sport is discriminated against as is basketball, and it is unfair and certainly not in keeping with the professed public utterances of the conferences in regard to the Defense Program of the U. S. A. If we as coaches remain supine and inherent, then we have no one else to thank but ourselves.

Would it not be the proper thing to have Mr. Menze, our secretary, take it up with George Veenker, secretary of the directors, and present our case? Certainly we have one.

Sincerely yours,

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