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Mr. Harold Keith,
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Dear Harold:

Your article was a dandy and I want to thank you so much for it.

You will notice that I have changed the first paragraph somewhat. This is due to the fact that the National Basketball Rules Committee does not want to ballyhoo the so-called National Intercollegiate tournament because it does not have the blessing of the rules body for the reason that the sponsors of this tournament say that the National Collegiate has no right to adopt the one-year rule. I am telling you this in confidence, because they are fighting the N.C.A.A.

Neither do they want to boost the A. A. U. or the Sport Writer's Tournament in New York City. Ned Irish, et al., are making money off of the N.C.A.A. teams and the group is keeping the larger share of it.

I have had a copy made of the material that you sent and I have made only a few changes in the first paragraph, as I have explained. I am also sending back to you the original copy of the statistics, which you requested, as we made extra copies of all this material to send on to the Guide.

I want to tell you that you did a marvelous job and I think your portrayal is excellent. It was swell of you to do this for the conference, and I think that you paid each coach a great tribute. The only way that I can reciprocate for your kindness is to get hold of that tense and over-wrought spinal column of yours and loosen it up a bit.

Really, Harold, you need a trainer to make a young man out of you. Too many hours over that typewriter and too much running or golf, or whatever it is, I feel has so tightened up those intercostal muscles of the back that you are not getting the enjoyment out of life that you should. Please do not think that I believe you to be an old man,