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U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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Dear Fog:

I have just been informed that the "Big Six" has approved athletic contests with Service Teams.

We sincerely hope that you will include us on your basketball schedule and permit us to come to your Institution and play this contest before your student body and fans. Through the medium of this game you will make a definite contribution to National Defense and especially to our Recruiting Program. It is believed such a contest would result in a very favorable impression toward the Navy and create an added interest in the Navy in your community.

Through the medium of these games we hope to raise funds for the Ninth Naval District Relief Society, which organization contributes to the welfare of navy men and their families from the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota and South Dakota. I know you will be in sympathy with this as well as the other objectives that motivate us in this activity.

The Navy team will be composed of college basketball talent recruited from the states in the Ninth Naval District, and in view of the record and prominence of these athletes it is believed the Navy will have a very strong team. A list of talent on the station is enclosed.

We have delayed arranging our schedule hoping the "Big Six" would consider, with favor, basketball games with our Station team. We hope to play each