

C O P Y

Lexington, Kentucky
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Dr. H. L. Donovan
President University
of Kentucky
Lexington,
Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Donovan:

Because of the false and malicious rumors that have linked me as well as other University of Kentucky basketball players with the current basketball scandal, I am requesting that my name be omitted from the Athletic Eligibility list until I am cleared. I am doing this because it is my information that I am the only member of the present University of Kentucky basketball team which the New York District Attorney's office desires to question, and I wish to stop the vicious rumors being circulated in regard to my teammates, and to remove any suspicion from them.

It is my desire that this suspicion, which is groundless, be removed from me, and my name cleared as soon as possible. I am anxious to rejoin the team, since I have been unable to play in any of this season's games because of a knee operation, and I know from experience that it is hard to have to sit on the sidelines and watch the games, or listen to them on the radio.

I wish to emphasize that I have never been involved in "fixing" a basketball game, in New York, Kentucky, or any other State; nor have I ever received any money from any one, at any place, or at any time, for shaving points or "fixing" a game. Neither do I have any information of game fixing or point shaving that would be of assistance to the New York authorities, or of any other State, in the prosecution of gamblers or basketball players. I could not have been involved in such "fixing" because of my loyalty to my school, to the people who believe in me, and because of my love for the game.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

(William Spivey).