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The Assistant District Attorney of New York County has succeeded in getting these three boys before the Grand Jury and two of them have implicated Bill Spivey as one of the players who was fixed in the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans in December, 1950. The Judge of the Municipal Court of New York permitted Dean Kirwan to read the Grand Jury testimony and report to the Athletics Board what he found out about Spivey's implication as reported by his former teammates. This evidence is so convincing that it would convict Spivey before any jury.

Last fall it was necessary for us to make a careful investigation of all the boys on the team to determine whether any one was ineligible because of participation in the basketball fix. Inquiries were made to the Assistant District Attorney of New York County. All former players were interviewed and each man on the present team was questioned and asked to sign a statement declaring that he had not participated in any fix nor had he ever been approached by a fixer. William Spivey signed a statement which you will find in the report of his case which I am enclosing. In that statement he declared that he had never had an interview with a fixer nor had he ever been offered a bribe. Last Saturday he confessed in an article which he published in the Sunday morning Louisville Courier-Journal stating that he had been interviewed at a Catskill Mountain resort in the summer of 1950 by a man named "George" (Eli Kaye). This man is a notorious gambler and racketeer and is under indictment for fixing basketball games. Spivey also said in this confession that "George" had visited him in his room on the campus. This confession brands his statement made earlier as a lie and it makes him a liar.

You indicated in your letter that you attended Washington and Lee University where they have one of the best honor systems of any college or university in America. How long do you think Washington and Lee would have kept Bill Spivey in that institution? If for no other reason than the lie Bill Spivey signed and later confessed to, the University of Kentucky could not have afforded to permit him to remain in school, but there were other reasons. Bill Spivey is implicated in the basketball fix and he has accepted money from the gamblers to fix games. Twelve high class citizens of the University had unanimously reached that conclusion from evidence furnished them by his former teammates and the