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Dear Dick:

Your comprehensive letter of March 26 has just arrived and I will get an immediate answer off to you. First, I would like to say that you have certainly spelled out your "needs", and we will be willing to try and meet them as far as possible, although there is obviously a limit. Nineteen reserved seats for one publication is a sizeable request.

Let me take these one at a time. First, we would certainly like to have you here as a member of the seeding committee. If you can't make it, we will understand. That committee will meet immediately following the coaches-officials dinner Thursday night, June 25.

We can arrange a block of seats for your group and in the location you have asked for. Tickets are printed and in our hands at this time and we are presently pulling certain blocks before putting them on sale. We always try to take care of groups such as yours, the one Art Hoffman gets together in the south, etc.

In trying to figure out what is "reasonable" for you, we will have ten complimentary tickets in the upper deck section and three seats in the press section. I think this is going over-board from our standpoint, but I do appreciate our past relationship and the on-going one. You can let me know how many "paid" tickets you want in addition to these.

In checking my 1967 records, I find that your group was between the 105-110 yard marks. We can put you on the 75-yard line if you wish but I felt the 1967 seats were excellent. However, either can be done if you let me know by return letter.

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I will provide you with one set of infield credentials but this will have to be used with caution. I don't have to tell you we do not operate like Miami or some others. In addition to regular marshalls, we will have 20 uniformed Navy personnel on duty and they will have instructions to heave anyone who interferes with the operation of the meet. That's just for your information and not meant to infer your people do not understand the problems of running a meet of this magnitude. I wish all others did as well.

I would think three (3) infield photo passes would be about as far as we can go. Again, I know your men are experienced and will be cooperative. However, before we get through we're going to be turning down a lot of requests and this is an area which doesn't make meet management many friends. My feeling is that we owe the athletes and the spectators a clean infield insofar as possible and we'll make every effort to keep it that way.

Housing is being handled through the Convention Bureau and I'm trying desperately not to get involved. I am including the two types of housing requests we are using and you can decide what you want to do. The requests should go directly to the office indicated.

I seem to remember you stayed at the Imperial 400 before. Regular bus runs will be made during the two days of competition and you can grab a ride on that if you so desire.

Back to the pre-meet dinner, it is important that we know exactly who will be representing T & F News. Again, twelve tickets is a sizeable number but we'll do what we can. I don't want to count on twelve and have six show up. In addition, there will be a press luncheon at noon on Friday, sponsored by two of our Kiwanis clubs. We would like to have T & F News representation there, especially you and the Nelsons. I'm sure we can handle all of your bona fide personnel but we will want specific names.

If you recall the parking at Memorial Stadium, there is really no problem and we have never tried to set aside anything for the regular press. Our lots are all open and no charge is made and the worst parking spot is no more than five minutes walk from the stadium. This should be a minor item for your group. We do have a small area which we hold for TV and news cameramen representing local radio stations but only because of our community relationships and the heavy equipment they carry.

Now, for a request of you. The pictures we received from Miami are generally very poor. One of our needs is a picture of each defending champion from 1969. How about perusing your voluminous file and sending me something? Those which we use in the program will indicate "Courtesy of Track and Field News". In fact, if you want to send us a full set for this purpose, we will use them for each event with the appropriate credit.

- a..Specifically, nothing came in from Miami on the Coleman-Davenport dead heat, Tracy Smith, Mike Manley, Otis Burrell, Bob Beamon or John Craft.

Mr. Dick Drake

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March 30, 1970

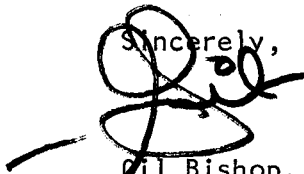
I am enclosing a copy of the meet standards and the up-dated time schedule. Also included is a copy of the "Seeding Instruction Sheet" which will give you some clue as to the groundwork which is being laid at this time.

You will note that some minor changes in the order of events have been made. Field events are held when they can get the fullest attention from the crowd and in order to interfere least with other events which might start up while they are in progress. In the past, some meets have held Intermediate Hurdles trials and finals the same day. Also the 2 mile walk has normally preceded some running events with the result (on non-synthetic tracks) that lane one is chewed up. We anticipate that the 120 High Hurdle trials and possibly the 100 Yard Dash trials will not be necessary the first day.

All this, I believe, will bring you up to date. Let me know about the ticket situation immediately and we'll put everything in order.

My regards to the rest of your compatriots.

Sincerely,



Gil Bishop, Meet Director
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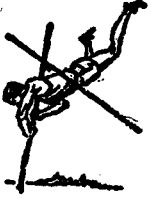
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SEEDING INSTRUCTION SHEET

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- 1..NINE LANES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TURNS AND STRAIGHTAWAYS.
- 2..NO LESS THAN THREE MEN SHALL ADVANCE TO THE NEXT ROUND FROM EACH EVENT.

3..TABLE TO BE USED IN FORMING HEATS:

ENTRIES	TRIAL HEATS	NUMBER ADVANCE	SEMI - FINALS	NUMBER ADVANCE	FINALS
1-9	0	-	0	-	1-9
10-18	2	4	0	-	8
19-27	3	3	0	-	9
28-36	4	4	2	4	8
37-45	5	3	2	4	8
46-54	6	3	2	4	8

55 or more will require quarter-finals

- 4..MILE RUN: IF MORE THAN 16 REPORT, HEATS WILL BE RUN AND NOT MORE THAN 12 SHALL RUN IN THE FINALS.
IF 16 OR LESS REPORT, ALL ARE TO RUN IN THE FINALS.

- 5..IN RACES OF 440 YARDS OR LONGER WHERE THERE IS AN ODD NUMBER OF LANES (9), AN ADDITIONAL MAN MAY BE QUALIFIED ON A TIME BASIS IF DESIRED.

6..PROCEDURE FOR FORMING HEATS:

- a..WEIGH PLACE FIRST
- b..WEIGH TIME SECOND.
- c..SEED EACH GROUP OF PLACE WINNERS AS A UNIT BY TIMES.
- d..IF TWO MEN FROM THE SAME TEAM FALL WITHIN THE SAME HEAT, MOVE THE SLOWER MAN TO ANOTHER HEAT BY INTERCHANGING WITH ANOTHER RUNNER OF COMPARABLE PLACE AND TIME (WEIGH PLACE FIRST).
- e..IF ALL HEATS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS, DRAW FOR THE EXTRA MAN (MEN) BY LOT.

7..DRAWING FOR LANES:

- a..IN RACES AROUND THE CURVE, DRAW FOR ALL LANES BY LOT. (MEET DIRECTOR RECOMMENDS SLOWEST QUALIFIER AUTOMATICALLY BE GIVEN LANE 9 TO AVOID ANY RECORD PROBLEMS).
- b..RACES ON STRAIGHTAWAY, DRAW FOR TWO MIDDLE LANES FOR TWO TOP-SEEDED, THEN ADJOINING LANES FOR NEXT TWO, ETC. LANES SHOULD BE DRAWN IN ORDER AS FOLLOWS: 5-6, 7-4, 3-8, 9-2, 10 (LEFT-RIGHT, RIGHT-LEFT, ETC.)

(EXAMPLES: FOLLOWING TWO HEATS, FASTEST FIRST GETS #5, SLOWEST FIRST GETS #6, FASTEST SECOND GETS #7, SLOWEST SECOND GETS #4, ETC.
FOLLOWING THREE HEATS, FASTEST FIRST GETS #5, 2ND FASTEST FIRST GETS #6, 3RD FASTEST FIRST GETS #7, FASTEST SECOND GETS #4, ETC.)

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AAU MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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QUALIFYING STANDARDS

100 YARD DASH.....	9.4	2 MILE WALK.....	15:20.0
220 YARD DASH(t).....	21.0	POLE VAULT.....	16'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
440 YARD DASH.....	46.8	HIGH JUMP.....	6' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
880 YARD DASH.....	1:48.7	LONG JUMP.....	25'2"
MILE RUN.....	4:02.8	TRIPLE JUMP.....	50'3"
* 3 MILE RUN.....	13:49.4	SHOT PUT.....	59'9"
** 6 MILE RUN.....	29:56.4	DISCUS THROW.....	187'
120 HIGH HURDLES.....	13.9	JAVELIN.....	243'5"
INTERMEDIATE HURDLES.	51.4	HAMMER THROW.....	188'11"
STEEPLECHASE.....	8:56.8		

* 2 MILE TIME OF 8:55.0 MAY BE USED FOR QUALIFYING FOR 3 MILE.

**10,000 METER TIME OF 30:50.0 MAY BE USED FOR QUALIFYING FOR 6 MILE.

ADDENDA

- a. There is no substitute event for qualifying for the Steeplechase.
- b. The Games Committee is permitted to accept entries on file of athletes not meeting the qualifying standard in order to expand the number of entries for purposes of providing a satisfactory number of contestants in an event.
- c. Post entries are not to be accepted.
- d. Performances for qualifying purposes must have been achieved in the current 1970 season.
- e. A defending champion must meet the qualifying standard unless he presents a written request listing the reasons for a waiver of this requirement.

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Dear Dick:

I am still holding seats for your group for the National AAU meet and need to know just how many you want in addition to the complimentary tickets I have agreed to give you.

To review this, we will give you ten complimentary in the upper deck section. These are reserved and I am holding some adjacent until you tell me how many you wish to purchase in that area. In addition, there will be three reserved seats in the press section on the lower level. These, of course, are complimentary.

There will be three infield passes, in addition, for your photo men or whomever you wish to go into that area. I am depending upon you to control that.

Be sure to send me the needed information right away. We are having a surprising early run on ticket applications and I don't want to let this section get away.

A couple of items of interest to you. First, we have received a USTFF sanction for this meet after a couple of months of correspondence to iron out the various requirements. I'm very happy about this since it does take the pressure off in dealing with the college and university athletes. Also, I believe it is a step in the right direction as far as NCAA, USTFF and AAU are concerned.

Second, you have undoubtedly received word about Dave Tucker's 52' 6-1/4" triple jump at the Kern Relays. He is a junior at San Joaquin Memorial High School near Fresno. I happened to be the referee for the meet and can vouch for the accuracy of the mark. I was near the pit when the jump was made and there was no helping wind. The wind gauge was on the sprint straightaway but it never recorded aiding winds and at the time of the jump there was no wind.

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In addition, I was not happy with the steel tape being used, which originally recorded 52' 6-3/4". So the head field judge, Clint Osthimer, and I requested a second steel tape and Tucker lost 1/2" in the process. However, I feel in the interest of good record keeping it was obviously the step to take. He's quite a prospect.

I am still getting material from you forwarded to my old address at 1413 Princeton. Please make a change of address to 3512 Elm, Bakersfield 93301, for the News and the supplementary material.

Let me know about the seats by return mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gil Bishop', with a horizontal line extending to the left.

Gil Bishop, Meet Director
1970 National AAU Track and
Field Championships

GB:dm

7 May 1970

Mr. Gil Bishop
AAU Track Championships
3105 34th St/
Bakersfield, Calif. 93301

Dear Gil,

Considering the present status of things in the US, I'm counting on few competitions to actually be staged other than the AAU championships. I dare say things will work out but at this moment I don't see any guarantee conference championships and the NCAA meet will be staged or held at full bore.

We would appreciate a total of 22 tickets, 12 in addition to the 10 complimentary tickets you have generously allowed T&FN and its associates. This would be in addition to the three pressbox tickets and three infield passes you assigned T&FN.

We had originally requested 19 tickets, thus if you have only saved this many we will understand but will appreciate determining the exact number available to T&FN. There was no indication of the price of the tickets, thus I can't enclose payment. We will remit the amount upon notification.

Your initial correspondence had indicated we would receive three infield photographers passes PLUS one infield pass for myself. I hope this is still possible, as I have assigned the three passes to photographers which would leave me off the infield in the event of a necessary trip there.

I appreciate the other information as well, notably the USTFF sanction, Tucker's triple jump mark, and will pass along your address to the proper people.

Thanks again, Gil, for your wonderful cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dick Drake
Managing Editor

P.S. I hope it will be convenient for you to mail ALL credentials to me in advance.