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Dear Arnold,

All the details of a PCA-sponsored U.S. Match Championship have not been worked out, but we have chosen a plan for the finals. You should present it to the fund-raiser so he can begin trying to find a sponsor. Please advise him that the PCA cannot afford to pay him. He should get his percentage from the sponsor.

Here's our plan: The Match Championship will consist of 16 matches in 4 rounds between 16 players. There will be 8 matches in the first round, 4 in the quarter-finals, 2 in the semi-finals, and 2 (one for the Championship and one for third place) in the final round. The \$50,000 prize fund will be distributed in this manner:

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1	place	\$20,000
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2	place	10,000
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3	place	6,000
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4	place	4,000
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5	-8 places	1,500 each
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9	-16 places	500 each

Each match will last six games. If the score is tied after six games, the players will play a series of games at faster and faster time limits until there is a winner. "Sudden death" is both exciting and easy to explain to people not familiar with chess.

In order to hold this tournament, we must come up

with \$50,000 for the prize fund and more for renting a playing hall, TD's fees, player's travel and lodging expenses, the cost of tournament bulletins, and other expenses. The total cost would vary, depending on how many services (playing site, printing costs, etc.) the sponsor could provide. I would estimate \$70,000-\$80,000. It's a tall order, but it can be done; the tournament in Montreal proves it.

I'm still soliciting advice on how to run the qualifying tournaments to choose the 16 finalists. I'll keep you posted on our progress.

Best wishes,

Jack Peters

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