United States Marine Corps.
Naval Ammunition Depot
Hawthorne, Nevada
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Dear Forest Allen;

I am writing to you in regards to your newest gift to basketball, your book "Better Basketball"

at the present time I am doing duty in the U.S.M.C. and my cruise is drawing to a close very soon. I have played basketball since I was 14 years of age (22 now) and have learned to love the game and am making a study of basketball. I have coached several squads and with success. I am now coaching the Marine team here and have recently been choosen as Capt. of the squad. It will be very difficult to coach and play at the same time but I like the game so much that while I'm still young I'm going to play if I can make the squad.

The town of Hawthorne is not a very