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My dear Mr. Allen,

As "Fachlehrer" for Basketball in the "Deutscher Reichsbund für Leibesübungen", and as a former exchange-student at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. I'm taking very much interest in your book "Better Basketball". I recently bought your book from an American Student who is studying at the University of München. The longer I'm working with your book the more I like it.

I see that you know Mr. Fritz Siewecke who also studied at Springfield College, and who is a good friend of mine. You also mention Dr. Carl Diem who now is leading the Olympic Institute at Berlin. By his help I received The exchange scholarship at Springfield College. I'm sure that the best literature in Basketball exists in your country, and I would appreciate it very much if you could assist me in getting some material about the history, the coaching, the refereeing, etc of the game.

I'm anxious to have your book "My Basketball Bible", which is mentioned in "Better Basketball".

If you need any information about Basketball in my country, I will gladly give it to you.

At the present time I'm travelling all over the country to spread this game. In 1936 there were about ten teams in this country. By now we have already 450 teams. At the "Turn und Sportfest" at Breslau we had a great German conference. We had 40 teams from all over the country taking part in it. On four courts they played for about a week to find out the champion: "Heeres-sportschule Wünsdorf". Next year we'll start our first national Tournament.