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Dear Louie:

I want to reply to your letter of January 14th in regard to the Bask-O-Lite goals.

I recall very well the conference meeting at which time it seemed we were the only ones not interested in this goal. I did not have the time to experiment with the goal to give it my consideration and felt as you did that if the rest of the conference wanted the goal, Nebraska would put it in.

We installed these goals and gave them a thorough trial and did not find them satisfactory. The non-conference teams that we played were very much opposed to our use of this goal and this made it rather inconvenient and unpleasant to change the goal every time that we had a new team coming to the Coliseum. Our boys did not like the goal. The tall boys did not like it for the reasons we have discussed and the small boys did not like it as they felt as if they were shooting at two rims as well as the other common reasons for disliking the goal.

They also had considerable amount of mechanical trouble. In fact, two sets were installed before the switches were set properly and functioned as they should. The inconvenience hinging around these baskets certainly has proven to us that they are not worth the amount of money necessary to install them.

The main reason for using this goal is to flash the light when a basket is made for the information and guidance of the spectators behind the basket. We have found a very satisfactory substitute in the way of lights to be controlled from the scorer's bench similar to what George Edwards was doing at Missouri. These were tried in our game with Kansas State and were very satisfactory. In other words, everything considered, Louie, we do not want to use the Bask-O-Lite goal and would prefer the old goal for our game at Ames next Saturday night.