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Dear Mr. St. John:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimat enclosing copy of letter written to Mr. Crocker under date of February 15th.

As it is quite apparent that you have only heard one side of the Canadian situation and that the members of the Executive have not been informed of the true situation in Canada, I cannot agree to abide by the decision expressed in your letter.

In the first place, the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association was given its representation on the Rules Committee under the constitution approved some years ago and I do not believe that the Executive is empowered to admit the A.A.U. of Canada and disbar the C.A.B.A. from its membership until the matter has been dealt with by the Rules Committee as a whole by way of amendment to the constitution.

I do not, however, intend to base my argument upon technical or legal grounds, but upon the fact that the C.A.B.A. represents approximately ninety percent of all basketball played in Canada. The A.A.U. of Canada represents no basketball whatsoever and the Canadian Intercollegiate Association represents only a few colleges in Ontario and Quebec. The University of British Columbia Canadian 1937 senior champions and Mount Alison University, New Brunswick, intermediate 1937 champions are C.A.B.A. teams.

It has always been our mutual objective that there should be one set of rules for the United States and Canada and if the step which you suggest should be taken and the C.A.B.A. barred from participation in the Rules Committee, we would have no other alternative than to set up our own Rules Committee under whose rules practically all basketball in Canada would be played.