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May I point out that there is a serious error in your letter to me when you state that the A.A.U. of Canada was the original body represented on the Rules Committee. The A.A.U. as such has never at any time been represented on the Rules Committee. Mr. Crocker, in the first place, together with John Brown, was a representative from the Y.M.C.A.'s of the country at large. At a later date Canada was given two representatives, Mr. Crocker and myself both being appointed by the C.A.B.A. At a still later date it was decided to cut down Canadian representation to one and as the C.A.B.A. insisted that I should be their representative, a modification was made so that Mr. Crocker could continue his membership in the Committee as representative of the Canadian Intercollegiate Association.

The A.A.U. of Canada is not now the official organization of Canada affiliated with other national bodies in the international basketball picture. I have on my desk a copy of a letter from Mr. W. Jones, Secretary of the Federation Internationale De Basketball dated the 2nd of January, 1938, in which he states that the A.A.U. of Canada has been notified as at January 2nd, 1938, that the F.I.B.B. is not renewing its membership; that it will not renew any Canadian membership without previously satisfying itself that the applicant deserves the qualification of member; that the F.I.B.B. believes that basketball must be an independent sport, promoted and governed by its own freely chosen organization and that following its constitution, it is the National Basketball Federation which is recognized as the responsible body; the A.A.U. in the case of Canada is only a super-federation and cannot claim to control any sport directly except in track and field, etc. From this you will see that the A.A.U. of Canada is no longer recognized in international basketball circles. I would add that steps are now being taken by the C.A.B.A. which will undoubtedly result in that body being recognized as the official basketball organization in Canada.

I also note your statement that Mr. Crocker was appointed official representative of the A.A.U. of Canada at the last meeting of that organization. While I have not checked the accuracy of this statement, it does not seem to me to bear upon the matter at all. In the first place, the A.A.U. has never at any time been accorded membership in the Rules Committee nor has it made application for such. In the second place, the A.A.U. controls