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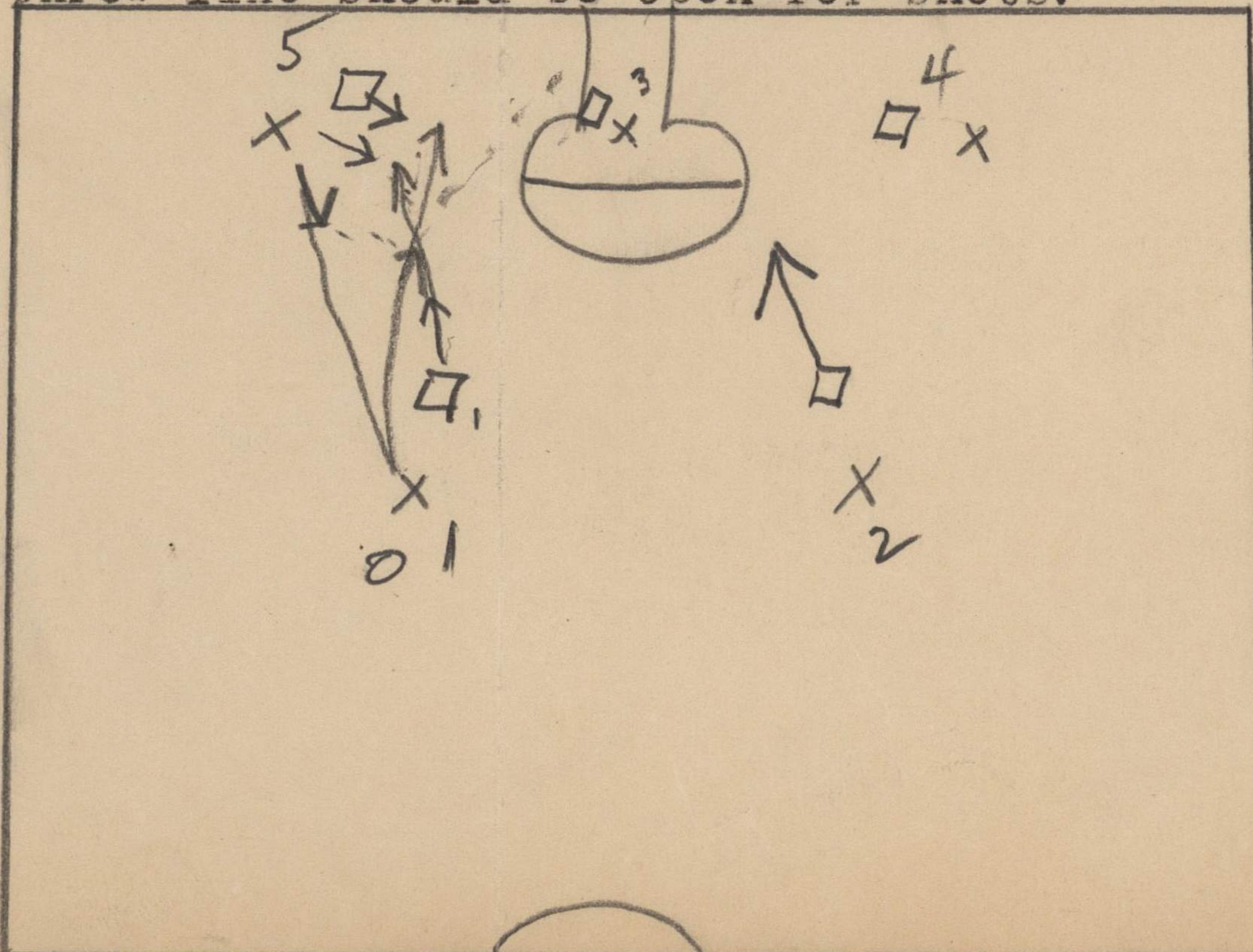
Dr. F. C. Allen
Basketball Coach University of Kansas
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I wish to congratulate you upon the contribution to the basketball coaching world through better basketball.

I have two questions in mind I would like to ask you. In your stratified zone idea with the apex man in the triangle and the two guards, do these three men always play the same regardless of the formation the offense is using against them or do they adjust themselves to it? By that I mean the opponent playing ~~two~~ ^{at side} guards out, center ~~in~~ ^{the} free throw hand forwards at the side of the floor or if your opponent is using three men out and two men in. The thing I wish to know is just how you adjust this to different offensive formations.

The other question I will ask is through a diagram. How would you play offensively against a 2-3 type of zone in this defense? The two guards and the center play in a straight line behind the free throw line across the court. Forwards form the side of the court in front of the free throw line. At a return pass from the other forward the former's guard will follow him man for man. In other words they are playing man for man with the guards. Following is a diagram of the defense set-up and would appreciate your idea on how to play against it. It looks as though the area around the free throw line should be open for shots.



Fred. E. Cameron
Ath. Dir.

Very truly yours,
Fred E. Cameron