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Dear Lieutenant Duarte:

I owe you a very great apology for not answering your letter of December 14th sooner. Somehow it was misplaced in my correspondence and while I was cleaning off some old correspondence from my desk I discovered it.

For the life of me I cannot understand how blank pages appeared in your edition of "Better Basketball". I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, 330 West 42nd Street, New York City, the publishers, asking that they communicate with you and make the necessary adjustment. I would suggest that you also write them calling attention to the error in this publication. I am sure they will be very happy to rectify the error.

Answering your inquiry regarding the procedure in the United States in organizing national basketball teams, I beg to state that the all-American teams are never assembled to play games. It is more of a newspaper selection of these all-American teams. However, if you mean the Olympic teams, that is another matter. For the games in Berlin the colleges had teams and the Amateur Athletic Union had teams. The AAU teams are independent teams and have no connection with colleges.

The United States was divided into eight districts and a series of elimination tournaments were set up in the eight districts. The four western districts played and the four eastern districts played among themselves. Then the finals were between the eastern and western district winners. For the Olympic games they took the players from both the first and second teams, and a coach was appointed to handle these boys in Berlin.

Answering your query regarding the basket ball rules for women - most of the women's basketball teams are now playing under the men's rules. However, I believe if you would write and ask the A. S. Barnes Company, publishers of these guides, the same question you are asking me they would be in better position to tell you than I would. We do not have any connection with the women's basketball here at the University of Kansas. Practically none of the schools or colleges have women's competitive basketball in the State of Kansas. Iowa and some of the other states, I believe, do have high school basketball, but they do not play in colleges