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Dear Mr. Allen,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I write this letter to congratulate you sincerely on your book "Better Basketball" (1937 Edition) which I have read with the greatest of attention.

For those who are dedicated to basketball your book is a most helpful guide and a real success for teaching the technique of the game, a technique perfected to a very high degree.

I must say that I greatly admire the succinct manner in which you describe all the phases of the game.

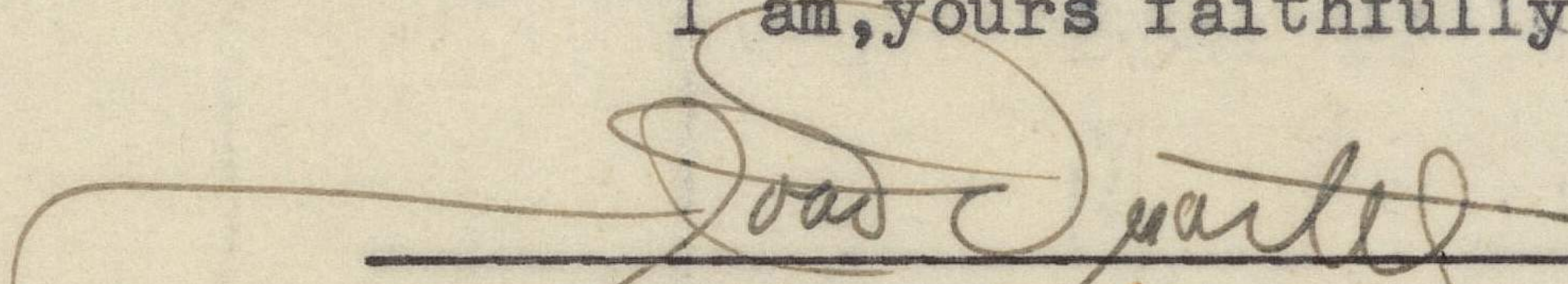
Unfortunately in reading the book I found that pages numbers 398, 399, 402, 403, 406, 407, 410 and 411 are blank and I would approach you with a view to ask you kindly to arrange for the subject matter of those pages to be sent to me in order that my book be complete.

At the same time I ask your kind advice as to the present procedure in the United States in organising your National Basketball Team. That is to say, are players called from teams all over the country and then do they all train together at one centre?

Further, I would very much like to know if the Official 1942-1943 Rules as published in the "Official Sports Library for Women Basketball Guide" (A.S. Barnes and Co. - Publishers) are followed by all women's teams in the U.S.A. or if some clubs or regions follows the rules applied to men's clubs.

Perhaps there exists some publication on such matters and if such is the case I would appreciate it if you would indicate the name of the publishers to enable me to send for it.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply,
I am, yours faithfully,



Lieutenant João Duarte

Lieutenant of the Brazilian Army and Secretary of
the São Paulo Basketball Federation (Federação
Paulista de Basketball).