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Mr. R. E. Weinzettel
Fred Medart Manufacturing Company
Potomac and DeKalb Streets
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

This will acknowledge your inquiry of December 20. The basketball backboard which you so kindly sent us here at Stanford has been set up on our court. I have had occasion to attend several rules interpretation meetings this year. At each of these I have called attention to the backboard you sent us. Many coaches, players, and spectators have come to see the board. We have left it set up off our court during the games we have played so far this season so that people could see it. The players and coaches have used it from time to time.

I have received many satisfactory comments concerning the board and no criticisms of it. It does permit a person sitting directly behind the board to see the ball go through the basket. This is because the basket sits so near the bottom of the board, so from the standpoint of vision from all parts of the bleachers, I believe the board is quite satisfactory. I might say that I was agreeably surprised.

From the standpoint of the players, I think the use of the board is a matter of adjustment. It does not take long for one to become accustomed to these new dimensions. The curved surface of the board, so far as I can tell, has no different effect upon the ball than does the flat surface of the ordinary board.

I believe the only serious problem in connection with the introduction of this board is the expense. This is something to which the Rules Committee must of necessity give careful consideration. I am not now sure whether it would be advisable to permit the use of this board and the present 4 x 6 backboard. You can see, therefore, that the whole problem is one of expense in the change of equipment.

Cordially yours,

(signed)

JOHN W. BUNN

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Dean of Men.