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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 8. You probably have a copy of the report which I made after working with the 12-foot basket. I believe you will find there some very positive statements concerning the rebound arc of the ball and the lessened congestion around the basket. This latter fact, of course, reduces the number of fouls because we know from the investigations which have been made by Floyd Rowe that the concentrated area of fouls is around the basket.

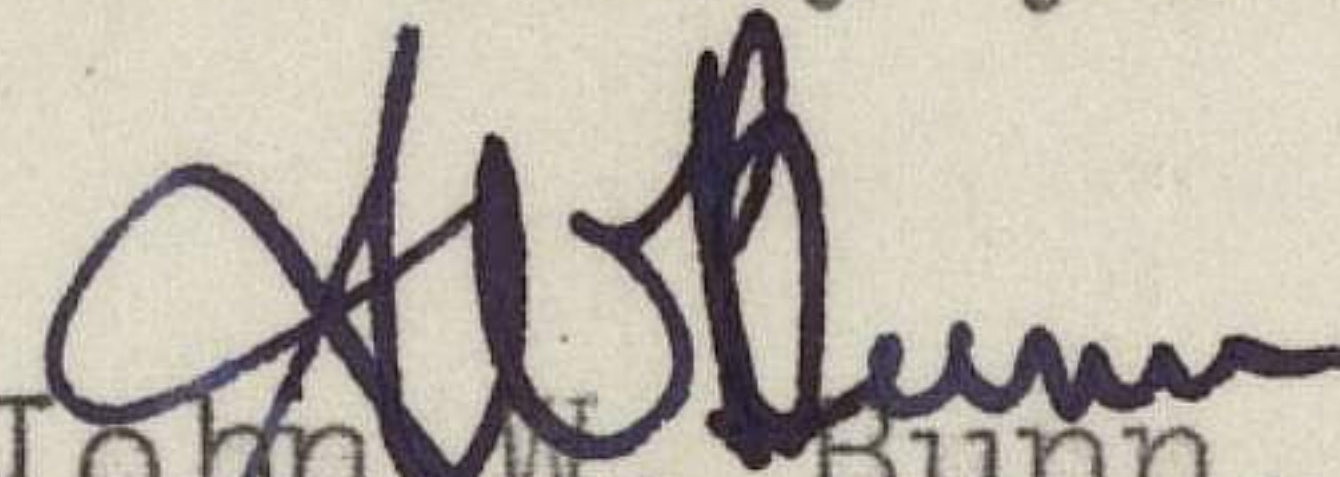
I don't know whether it will be possible for me to repeat this work before the next rules meeting or not. However, I shall take the matter up with Dr. Storey and Mr. Masters to see if we can set up the 12-foot basket on one of our courts. If this is possible, I shall try to get some student to tabulate data on the two points which you suggest.

We have had one of the newly-designed backboards put out by Medart. While I have not taken any statistics on this board, I have made many observations and have asked for comments from other coaches and many players. The letter to Mr. Weinzettel, a copy of which is attached, gives a resume of this subjective study. I was surprised to note that I could sit directly behind the board and see the ball go through the basket.

It would seem to me that one thing we should do before the Rules Committee meets is to attempt to get the reaction of the country on the cost necessitated by such a change. If this is favorable, then I think there will be no deterrent factor in the way of adoption of the new backboard by the Rules Committee.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men.

My appointment on the committee has expired and I have asked to be relieved of this responsibility. The meeting usually comes when I am busiest so that it is difficult to leave here.