CC: Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

January 2, 1941

Mr. Samuel H. Smith, Instructor
Salt Lake City Public Schools
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

"GOAL-HI" - America's new play-game is well on its way!

Recent polls taken among the many Goal-Hi users throughout the country shownnation wide acceptance and satisfaction.

"Just what we need in our play activity program"; "A great game - the first new game for mass play since volleyball"; "I like the fact that Goal-Hi can be played indoors and out-of-doors with the same piece of equipment"; - are a few of the many enthusiastic comments to come our way.

Have you had an opportunity to peruse the Goal-Hi catalog sent you recently? If so, we believe you will agree that this new game is admirably suited for all 'round school use - indoors and out-of-doors, thru-out the year.

You risk nothing when you order the single piece of equipment required to play Goal-Hi, because we guarantee your complete satisfaction or your money will be promptly refunded.

Consider Goal-Hi in your school program as a gym activity - as an outdoor play-game - and as a low cost investment in the health, fun and general welfare of your students. Hundreds of others in every part of the country have done so'.

For your convenience place your order with your local dealer. If, for any reason, he cannot furnish the merchandise you require - write us!

Yours very truly,

FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

Merchandising Division

F.Medart/S

January 7, 1941

Mr. Forrest G. Stith
Coordinator Health, Physical
Education and Recreation
Department of Public Schools
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Forrest:

Now Forrest, there is one thing that I do not like. You put two r's in your name but you put only one in mine. You can lay this onto your stenographer if you want to but I always have my stenographer use two r's.

Seriously, I want to thank you very much for your writing me concerning the fact that you are including our game of Goal-Hi in your new course of study in physical education for the Missouri high schools.

Yes, indeed, you are exactly right regarding the complete set of rules that go with each game. I am writing Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel, a very close friend of mine, and Sales Promotion Manager of the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company, and asking that he get in touch with you, which he will I am sure in the very near future, and render you every possible aid and courtesy.

You should hear from Mr. Weinzettel in a very short while. From my knowledge of Roy Weinzettel, I am sure you will vote him a regular fellow and a man that will strive arduously to give you the best that is within him. You and he should click it off in great style.

Thank you for your season's wishes and assuring you that I am glad to reciprocate, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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cc: Roy Weinzettel

STATE OF MISSOURI

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LLOYD W. KING, STATE SUPERINTENDENT

CITY OF JEFFERSON

December 27, 1940

Doctor Forest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

You will no doubt be interested in learning that we are including your game of "Goal-Hi" in our new course of study in physical education for the Missouri high schools. We are not giving the complete rules on it because the committee feels that you or the sports good company will have rules for free distribution.

I shall be glad to have you write me as to whether or not our assumption is correct.

Another good season to the Jay Hawks in basket ball, and best wishes to you for the New Year.

Sincerely yours

Forrest G.

F. G. STITH
Coordinator Health, Physical
Education and Recreation

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December 30, 1940

Mr. F.G. Stith
Coordinator Health, Physical
Education and Recreation
Department of Public Schools
Jefferson, Missouri

Dear Mr. Stith:

Your letter of December 27 regarding your including "Goal-Hi" in the new course of study in physical education for the Missouri High Schools has been received.

The book of rules for Goal-Hi is distributed by the manufactures of Goal-Hi equipment; namely, the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel is the man in charge.

Dr. Allen is out of town at the present time but expects to return the early part of next week. Your letter will be brought to his attention when he returns.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Forrest C. Allen

January 9, 1941

Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel
Sales Promotion Manager
Fred Medart Manufacturing Company
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

I am sending you the original copy of a letter from Miss Gertrude Gillam, Principal, Central Grade School, Pratt, Kansas, requesting a set of rules for Goal-Hi.

I trust that you will take care of this request at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Enc.

January 9, 1941

Miss Gertrude Gillam
Principal
Central Grade School
Pratt, Kansas

Dear Miss Gillam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 8 requesting a set of rules for the mass basketball game, Goal-Hi.

The Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis are the manufacturers of this equipment as well as the possessors of the rules. I am writing them today, attention Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel, asking that he write you at once giving you full information.

I am sure you will hear from them very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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CENTRAL GRADE SCHOOL

Pratt, Kansas

January 8, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We have a Goal-Hi apparatus at our elementary school but no rules for playing the game.

May we have a copy of the rules so that we may enjoy the game? Thank you.

Yours truly,

(signed) Gertrude Gillam

January 10, 1941

Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel
Sales Production Manager
Fred Medart Manufacturing Company
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

Enclosed is a letter from Harold "Spike" Claassen of the Associated Press and a copy of the article he has written on Goal-Hi.

You can see from his letter that he is requesting a picture to accompany the article. I am also enclosing a copy of letter to Mr. Claassen in which I state I am referring the matter to you.

I would appreciate your taking care of Mr. Claassen's request at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

POTOMAC AND DE KALB STREETS

SAINT LOUIS, MO.

R. E. WEINZETTEL
SALES PROMOTION MANAGER

January 10, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Thanks for your letter of January 7, acknowledging receipt of royalty check for the last quarter of 1940 and also advising us of your correspondence with Mr. Stith of Jefferson City.

I have just talked to Mr. Stith via long distance and he gave me some very interesting information.

We appreciate your flattering remarks, particularly as concerns "yours truly." Better be careful, "Phog", or you might be forced to eat those words. On second thought, I am afraid that I couldn't very well let you down after what you told Stith about me.

Kindest regards,

Sales Promotion Manager

REW:jc

FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

POTOMAC AND DE KALB STREETS

SAINT LOUIS, MO.

G. W. CROSNOE, MANAGER
MERCHANDISING DIVISION

January 11, 1941
Dict. 1/10/41

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

We received your letter of January 9, advising that Miss Gertrude Gillam, Principal of the Central Grade School, Pratt, Kansas, requested a set of rules for Goal-Hi.

We also received a card from Miss Gillam, requesting the Goal-Hi rules book, and this has already been forwarded to her.

We will also forward complete Goal-Hi information to Mr. Russell L. Durgin, Honorary Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Tokyo, as you request.

Yours very truly,

FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

F. E. Medart

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Merchandising Division

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CC - Dr. Allen

January 11, 1941
Dict. 1/10/41

Mr. Russell L. Durgin, Honorary Secretary
Young Men's Christian Association
7 Mitoshiro-cho
Kanda, Tokyo

Dear Sir:

We received your letter of December 13 which was passed on to us by Dr. Forrest C. Allen of the University of Kansas, requesting information on Goal-Hi equipment.

Under separate cover, we are forwarding to you a catalog illustrating, pricing and describing Goal-Hi equipment and also the official Goal-Hi rules book as written by Dr. Allen.

All prices quoted in our literature are your net prices, subject to no discount. All payments must be made in advance, in United States currency, and the freight will be prepaid to the most convenient port of export in the United States, from this point on the cost of water transportation and any duties to be borne by yourself.

We shall look forward to receiving your order which can be shipped promptly from stock.

Yours very truly,

FRED MEDART MANUFACTURING CO.

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Merchandising Division

January 17, 1941

Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel
Sales Promotion Manager
Fred Medart Manufacturing Company
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

I am sending you the original copy of a letter from Rev. F.E. Mastin, Minister of the Methodist Church, McCausland, Iowa, requesting information regarding the game, Goal-Hi.

I trust that you will take care of this request at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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January 17, 1941

Rev. F.E. Mastin
Methodist Church
McCausland, Iowa

Dear Rev. Mastin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 14 requesting information regarding the mass basketball game, Goal-Hi.

The Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis are the manufacturers of this equipment as well as the possessors of the rules. I am writing them today, attention Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel, asking that he write you at once and give you full information.

I am sure you will hear from them very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Methodist Church
McCausland-Comanche, Iowa
F.E. Mastin, Minister

McCausland, Iowa
January 14, 1941

Mr. "Phog" Allen
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Please pardon my addressing you as "Phog" Allen, because that is the only name I have seen you noted as in print. But I wanted to ask you about your "Goal-Hi" game, which I saw described in the Farm Journal and Farmer's Wife, November, 1940. Not enough of the details of the post are given in this short article.

Will you please tell me what is the thickness of the 18-inch ring, also of the curved braces (3), and especially their length? What are the dimensions of the cones (3) at the base forming the three-way chute? What are their thicknesses? What material made of? How are they fastened together? How fastened at the base? What is the depth from the center of the ring to the juncture of the cone-chutes? What are the dimensions of the swinging gates (3)? Their material? How fastened on the 18-inch ring? What is the full heighth from floor to top of ring?

If the apparatus can be made by a blacksmith we would like to make one for the boys and girls of our church to use.

Perhaps you can tell me where I may buy one of these posts, the price, and etc. if we cannot make one. Any literature describing the measurements, the game, you have, I would be glad to pay for.

Thanking you for any information and help you may give me, I am,

Very truly yours,

F.E. Mastin

January 24, 1941

Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel
Fred Medart Manufacturing Co.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

I am sending you the file of my correspondence with Mr. Ramon Azcarate of Havana, Cuba. You can see that I sometimes receive letters on the 24th of June and answer them on the 24th of December. Isn't that terrible?

I see possibilities here in developing the game Goal-Hi in Cuba, and I am writing Mr. Azcarate to the effect that the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis have the power to outline the policy for our Goal-Hi Company, and since it will be easier to have you two people formulate an agreement I am sending the correspondence on to you.

I have put my O.K. on all of the rules and you can send one copy to Mr. Azcarate. I think it would be a good thing to let them go ahead and work out their scheme according to their plans. You can correspond with him directly as to the sale of Goal-Hi equipment, etc.

I trust I have not overstepped the bounds of our agreement in placing my O.K. on the enclosed rules.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

January 24, 1941

Lieut. Commander Gene Tunney
U. S. N. R.
United States Naval Air Station
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Commander Tunney:

We have noticed in recent papers that you have been placed in charge of recreation for the Navy pilots and we would like for you to accept, with our compliments, an official Goal-Hi standard, which is used in playing the game that we developed a couple of years ago.

This Goal-Hi standard makes the location of a basketball playing area very simple. Any area with a 30-foot playing space can be utilized. It is portable and can be easily moved from place to place without difficulty; yet it is very solid and substantial when placed on the ground, due to the stable circular base that anchors it.

If your Naval Air Station will accept this standard with our compliments, I will be very happy to instruct our manufacturer, the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Missouri, who is authorized to fabricate the official equipment, to forward you a No. 907 standard direct.

I am sending you a catalog, playgame folder and rules book for your inspection.

Trusting that the boys will get some pleasure and benefit from the exercise from this game, and wishing you continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

cc: Roy Weinzettel

January 24, 1941

Mr. Ramon Azcarate
Calle Tejar #619
Reparto Lawton
Havana, Cuba

Dear Mr. Azcarate:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of January 16 enclosing rules for the game of Goal-Hi.

Please allow me to congratulate you on your scheme of classification. Certainly, you have my approval and I am signing one of the copies with my O.K. and then sending all the material to Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel of the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, Missouri. The Fred Medart Company has the power to outline policies concerning Goal-Hi. Doubtless Mr. Weinzettel will wish to O.K. the rules also and then he will return them to you, giving you authority to go ahead.

I am glad that you obtained a copy of Better Basketball from McGraw-Hill Company. Thank you for your kind remarks regarding the book.

If at any time I can be of any service to you or your country please feel free to take up any matter with me.

Again congratulating you on your fine work and wishing you every success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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January 24, 1941

Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel
Sales Promotion Manager
Fred Medart Manufacturing Co.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Roy:

Enclosed please find copies of letters from Mr. H. Lopez Reboledo, J.M. Blanes, 869 Apto. 4, Montevideo, Uruguay, regarding Goal-Hi.

Mr. Reboledo makes inquiry regarding patent rights in Uruguay and the South American countries.

I trust that you will send Mr. Reboledo an answer to his request at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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Encs.

January 24, 1941

Mr. H. Lopez Reboledo
J.M. Blanes, 869 Apto. 4
Montevideo, Uruguay

Dear Mr. Reboledo:

I have sent copies of your letters to me under date of July 9, July 25 and November 5, to Mr. Roy E. Weinzettel, Sales Promotion Manager, Fred Medart Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

I am sure Mr. Weinzettel will be much interested to learn of your experiences with Goal-Hi, and I trust he will answer your inquiry regarding patent rights in Uruguay and the South American countries.

Assuring you it is always a pleasure to hear from you and to learn of your progress, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

cc: R. Weinzettel

December 23, 1940

Mr. H. Lopez Reboledo
J.M. Blanes, 869 Apto. 4
Montevideo, Uruguay

Dear Mr. Reboledo:

I feel very guilty that your very fine letter of July 25 was misplaced. I left for the summer on coaching schools and when I returned in the fall I failed to uncover all my correspondence. Since that time my administrative duties have kept me so tied up that I have not had the opportunity to get the job done.

I am leaving today for New York where the Kansas Varsity Basketball Team plays in Madison Square Garden, Philadelphia and Chicago.

I assure you that when I return from New York you will receive an answer from me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

FCA:lg

Montevideo, Nov. 5, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Phys. Ed.
Univ. of Kansas
Lawr., Kans.

Dear Doctor Allen:

Enclosed are various clippings from Uruguayan dailies which refer to the first trial made in this city, of "Basket Ball". With them I hope to correspond with your wishes to know what the impression was, left by this first trial.

Subsequently I hope to remit new impressions concerning more serious trials + exhibitions which we can arrange opportunely.

Meanwhile, I make use of the occasion to congratulate you and permit myself to remind you that some time ago I took pleasure to make you a remittance of details concerning the development of basket ball in this country.

Without further motive, I am pleased to send you my highest consideration and esteem.

H. López Rebaledo

Address:
Sr. H. López Rebaledo
Calle J. M. Blanes - 869 Apto. 4.
Montevideo, Uruguay

June 27, 1940 - Summary - S.N. López Rebaleda to Dr. F.C. Allen

Dear Doctor Allen:

Very glad to get your letter of June 3 which I want to answer immediately because I send you in the same mail the pamphlet of the last South American Championship which is found data concerning the development of basketball in this country. Correspondingly I make

H. LOPEZ REBOLEDO
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MONTEVIDEO, 5 de Noviembre de 1940

Dr. FORREST C. ALLEN

Director de Educación Física
de la Universidad de Kansas

Lawrence - Kansas.

Estimado Doctor Allen:

Adjunto le envío varios recortes de diarios uruguayos que se refieren al primer ensayo realizado en esta ciudad, de "Goal-Hi". Con ello espero corresponder a sus deseos en el sentido de conocer la impresión dejada en ese primer ensayo.

Posteriormente espero remitirle nuevas impresiones sobre ensayos más serios y exhibiciones que realizaremos oportunamente.

Entretanto aprovecho la ocasión para felicitarle y me permito recordarle que hace cierto tiempo tuve el placer de hacerle un envío de detalles sobre el desarrollo del basquetbol en este país.-

Sin otro motivo, me complazco en saludarle con mi más alta consideración y estima,

H. López Reboledo

H. López Reboledo

Mi dirección:

H.López Reboledo
Calle J.M.Blanes 869 Apto. 4.
Montevideo - Uruguay

Sr. H. López Rebaledo to F. C. Allen - July 9/40

Asking why my inquiries about possibility of obtaining your "Gaal-Hi" equipment at the firm mentioned by you in your letter of May 3rd last, remain unanswered.

Possibly said firm is not interested in our foreign market & I am asking you therefore, for info on the rules of the game and the farm which we might here be able to construct similar implements to be used.

It would make us grateful to have your advice. We are interested in the game especially in "Juventus", an entity in which I am Prof. of Phys. Ed.

I hope to have received the data which I have solicited about basket bal in Uruguay by airmail.

Sorry to bother you - etc.

H. LOPEZ REBOLEDO
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MONTEVIDEO, 9 de Julio de 1940

Sr. Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Universidad de Kansas
Lawrence, Kan. U.S.A.

Estimado Doctor Allen:

Vengo nuevamente a molestarlo muy a mi pesar; pero se trata de que siguiendo sus amables indicaciones he tratado de obtener implementos para GOAL-HI en la casa comercial indicada en su apreciada carta de fecha 3 de Mayo último, sin que hasta ahora haya podido obtener respuesta alguna.-

Pienso que es probable que dicha casa no se interese desde el punto de vista comercial en la colocación de esos implementos en el extranjero y es por eso que me dirijo a usted nuevamente interesado en saber si alguna otra posibilidad de conocer las reglas del juego y la forma en que aquí podrían construirse los mismos implementos utilizables.-

Le agradecería infinitamente lo que pueda hacer por ayudarme, pues aquí se interesan por el asunto, especialmente en "Juventus" entidad en que soy profesor de educación física.-

Espero habrá recibido los datos que me solicitó sobre el basquetbol en el Uruguay, con excepción del ppograma del Campeonato Sudamericano que fué por correo ordinario (marítimo)pues yo estuve enfermo desde ese día hasta anteayer y la persona a quien encomendé el despacho de esa correspondencia entendió que sólo la carta iba por correo aéreo.-

Lo siento estimado Doctor Allen, como siento causarle esta nueva molestia que espero sabrá disimular su espíritu benevolente.-

Reciba el inveriable afecto de S.S.S.,

H. López Reboledo

H. López Reboledo

Mi dirección:
H. López Reboledo
Calle Juan M.Blanes 869 - Dpto. 4
Montevideo - Uruguay.-

From H. López Reboledo to Dr. T. C. Allen July 25, 1940

Doctor Allen -

Rec'd reply from Fred Medart Mfg. Co. - asked him in this same mail for shipment of one "Good Hi" equipment in spite of fact that there is a diff of $6 in price from your catalogue rec'd earlier. Am optimistic of quick spread of the game in this country.

Fred Medart Mfg. Co has patented the game, I understand, only in the U.S. & Canada - If this is so, you have not given corresponding rights to Uruguay & the S.A. countries. I ask for authority to represent you in this country in order to take steps to attain the rights or, if it does not interest you personally, I would ask authority to attain for myself, those privileges. In either case it will be necessary that you send me the documents to register a patent, or your authorization to make it possible that I obtain privileges as soon as possible. The negotiation must be initiated here before a yr. has passed the date in which the patent was obtained in the U.S. After one yr., any person here can manufacture similar equipment. However if a patent within a yr. is obtained here, or the U.S. patent is renewed within same time, the privileges will be extended for 9 yrs.

Hope for a quick answer - airmail if possible - Anticipate with same enthusiasm to acquire patent rights for you as well as for me personally.

Finally, I bring to your attention that before ~~the coup that you might have called already upon~~ ~~rights to Fred Medart Co, & before the expiration of time,~~ I have asked ~~[illegible]~~ simultaneously the

H. LOPEZ REBOLEDO
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MONTEVIDEO, 25 de Julio de 1940

Dr. FORREST C. ALLEN
Universidad de Kansas.
Lawrence , Kansas.
Estados Unidos de América

Mi estimado Doctor Allen:

Acabo de recibir respuesta de la casa FRED MEDART MFG. CO. y le he solicitado por este mismo correo el envío de un equipo de 'GOAL-HI', no obstante que encuentro una diferencia de 6 dólares con el catálogo recibido anteriormente de Vd.- Tengo optimismo con respecto a la rápida difusión del juego en mi país.-

La casa FRED MEDART MFG.CO/ ha patentado el juego,-según entiendo-, en Canadá y los Estados Unidos solamente y si así fuese usted no ha cedido los derechos correspondientes al Uruguay y demás países de la América del Sur.- Yo le solicito por la presente me autorice a representarlo a Vd. en este país para gestionar los derechos o, si no le interesa personalmente, me autorice a gestionar para mí los privilegios.- En cualquiera de los dos casos será necesario que usted envíe los documentos para registrar la patente o su autorización para que yo obtenga privilegios lo más pronto posible, pues la gestión debe iniciarse aquí antes de transcurrir un año de la fecha en que fué expedida la patente en Estados Unidos. Después de transcurrido el año cualquiera persona puede aquí fabricar equipos similares. Pero si se le patenta aquí o se revalida la patente norteamericana se obtiene un privilegio por nueve años.-

Quedo a la espera de su amable respuesta, si fuera posible por correo aéreo, anticipándole que con el mismo entusiasmo haré las gestiones para usted, como para mí personalmente.-

Por último llevo a su conocimiento que ante la duda de que usted pudiera haber cedido ya los derechos mundiales a la firma FRED MEDART MFG.CO. y ante el apremio del tiempo, he solicitado simultáneamente a dicha firma la autorización para revalidar la patente.-

Ruégole se sirva disimular la molestia que le causo y aceptar la expresiones de mi mayor admiración y estima,

H. López Reboledo

H. López Reboledo

J.M.Blanes,869 Apto. 4
Montevideo - Uruguay

H. LOPE REBOLEDO
MONTEVIDEO

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"Mont.25/7.40 -
"Fred Medart Mfg.Co,
"Muy señores míos:
"Agradezco su amable respuesta de fecha 21 de Junio y su
"catálogo de precios y reglamento oficial de "Goal-Hi".
"En conocimiento de sus condiciones deventa les solicito el envío
"de un equipo No. 907 cuyo importe adjunto en giro telegráfico
"por dólares 35,50, menos el 2% a que se refiere la mencionada
"carta.- Espero que el despacho se hará a la mayor brevedad po-
"sible, dirigido en la siguiente forma: H/López Reboledo, Aso-
"ciación 'Juventus', etcétera. Con respecto a la representación
"solicitada, la misma se refiere en primer término a revalidar
"la patente en el Uruguay, para esa firma,o, en caso de que no
"les interese revalidarla,- para mí personalmente. En cualquiera
"de ambos casos será necesario que llegue a Montevideo una copia
"de la patente norteamericana, antes de que haya transcurrido un
"año desde que fué expedida en los Estados Unidos.- Después de
"transcurrido un año las leyes del país permiten la libre fabri-
"cación y venta de equipos similares, pero si se revalida la pa-
"tente para esa firma o para mí, con autorización de ustedes,ten
"dremos el privilegio por espacio de nueve años.- Al margen del
"interés comercial, me interesa divulgar el invento del Doctor
"Allen, por razón de mis funciones deportivas y de mi personal
"admiración por él.- En cuanto a la representación en Sud Améri-
"ca la ofrezco a ustedes amistosamente, para el caso de que dis-
"pongan intensificar de algún modo sus relaciones comerciales con
"esta plaza, o deseen recibir informaciones, etcétera.- Sin otro
"particular, quedo a la espera de su respuesta (si fuera necesa-
"rio y posible por vía aérea) así como del envío del equipo soli-
"citado y aprovecho la oportunidad para suscribirme de Vdes.,
"S.S.S. - Fdo. H.López Reboledo."----------
Envío una copia de la presente al Dr. Allen.----------

From H. Lopez Reboledo to Dr. Forrest C. Allen June 27, 1940

(summary of letter)

Dear Doctor Allen:

Received your letter of June 3, 1940. Am answering and sending in the same mail the public pamphlet of the last South American Championship which has the data on how basketball has developed here. Basketball is second only in popularity to football.

Montevideo has a big football stadium (80,000 people) but practically no indoor courts for basketball, and the outdoor courts are very rough. Our neighbors, the Argentinians, have several indoor courts with small spectator space. The Brazilians have the best playground in South America in the Stadium of Pacaembu (San Pablo). It was inaugurated by 3 Uruguayan victories. In Rio de Janeiro are also good stadiums with enough room for spectators. In Chile the situation is as poor as ours; while in Peru there is a great stadium of lumber imported from North America and built by my good friend Paul Crawford of the "McPherson Globe Refinery", and was coach for a while in Peru. Another North American coach replaced him. Peru uses American technique of play as does Brazil.

(General discussion of Uruguayan technique in basketball)

Basketball encouraged by champions, company dames and clubs. The South American Basketball Championship ranks number one in local athletic interest.

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N. López Rebolledo to J. C. Allen – June 27/40

Dear Doctor Allen:

Rec'd. your letter of June 3/40. answering & sending in same mail the public pamphlet of the last So. American Championship which has the data on how basketball has developed here. Basketball is second only in popularity to football.

Montevideo has a big football stadium (80,000 people) – by practically no indoor courts for basketball. & the outdoor courts are very rough. Our neighbors, the Argentinians, have several indoor courts with small spectator space. The Brazilians have the best playground in So. Amer. in the Stadium of Pacaembú (San Pablo) – (It was inaugurated by 3 Uruguayan victories – In Rio de Janeiro are also good stadia with enough room for spectators – In Chile, situation poor as ours; while in Perú is a great stadium of lumber imported from No. Amer. & built by my good friend Paul Crawford of "McPherson Stoke Refineros" & was coach for a while in Perú. Another No. American coach replaced him – Perú uses American technique of play as does Brazil.

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Montevideo, 27 de Junio de 1940

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Estimado Doctor Allen:

Me es sumamente grato acusar recibo de su amable carta de fecha 3 del corriente mes, que me dispongo a contestar al mismo tiempo que le remito por este mismo correo el folleto publico en ocasión del último Campeonato Sudamericano, en el que se encuentran los datos que me solicita con respecto al desarrollo del basquetbol en este país.- Corresponde hacer notar que los datos que se refieren a la difusión y popularidad del basquetbol se aumentan y que la organización política está en proceso de reforma como consecuencia de la mayor importancia que ha adquirido aquí últimamente el juego, que actualmente es el segundo en popularidad, después del fútbol.-

Esta capital cuenta con un estadio para fútbol con capacidad para 80.000 personas. En cambio no hay prácticamente canchas "indoor" para basquetbol y las canchas al aire libre son de piso de tosca.- Nuestros vecinos los argentinos disponen de varias canchas "indoor" con poca capacidad para los espectadores.- Los brasileños poseen la mejor cancha de Sud América en el Estadio de Pacaembú (San Pablo) inaugurada con tres grandes victorias uruguayas y en Rio de Janeiro disponen también de muy buenas canchas con suficientes comodidades para el público. En Chile están tan pobres de canchas como en nuestro país, mientras que en el Perú tienen una magnífica cancha de piso de madera importada de Norte América y construída bajo la dirección de mi bueno y recordado amigo Paul Crawford que fué jugador del Mc Pherson Globe Refiners y después de haber actuado como "coach" en Perú regresó a Norteamérica. Lo sustituyó recientemente otro "coach" norteamericano y de esta forma el Perú es el país sudamericano que más ha sentido la influencia de la técnica norteamericana. En este aspecto le sigue Brasil.-

En cuanto respecta a la técnica en el Uruguay, ésta ha evolucionado fundamentalmente después de la participación del seleccionado uruguayo en los Juegos Olímpicos de Berlín. En esa época los uruguayos se creían en condiciones de vencer a los norteamericanos.- Las comprobaciones los llamaron a la realidad y desde entonces se comenzó a darme la razón pues yo sostuve siempre la teoría contraria a la convicción generalizada. Pero todavía hay mucho por hacer y a pesar de que hemos recuperado el Campeonato Sudamericano no se ha comprendido enteramente la técnica del basquetbol. Esto ocurre lamentablemente en tres esferas importantes para la orientación: los jueces, el público y la crítica.-

Las actividades de primera división para 1940 comienzan aquí el 29 del corriente y se extienden hasta fín de año con un programa general de tres campeonatos lo que obliga a algunos clubs a una

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//campaña realmente agotadora. El primer campeonato será este año el Campeonato Especial (equipos: Trouville, Sporting, Atenas y Bohemios); Campeonato Invierno (los 12 clubs de Primera División en una misma cancha "indoor") y el Campeonato Federal (los 12 clubs de Primera División en todas las canchas y en dos ruedas, es decir, partido y revancha). Para hacer más atrayente el espectáculo en el Campeonato Federal se juega antes de cada partido de primera división un partido de reserva entre los mismos clubs actuantes por el"Campeonato de Reservas" y esto constituye una categoría extra de equipos que sigue inmediatamente en importancia a la Primera División.-

Este año el Campeonato Sudamericano fué anterior a las actividades locales. El próximo Campeonato Sudamericano, que corresponde al año 1941 se realizará en Chile, pues la Argentina le cedió a ese país los derechos en razón de realizarse fiestas nacionales en Chile.- Los chilenos que, con los paraguayos fueron los menos técnicos en el último Campeonato cuentan ahora con el concurso de dos jugadores norteamericanos que probablemente estarán ya desempeñando funciones de entrenadores y que quziás jueguen en el equipo de Chile.- En el último Campeonato Sudamericano jugó en el equipo argentino un buen jugador norteamericano llamado Rolf Larson; las delegaciones no protestaron abiertamente por su inclusión pero el hecho dió lugar a que se estableciera la restricción de que para actuar un jugador extranjero debería por lo menos nacionalizarse en el país cuyo equipo integrara.

Las reglas de juego que rigen aquí en Sud América son las que se establecieron en Berlín y que son traducción de las que regían entonces en Norteamérica. Yo propuese en ocasión del Congreso Sudamericano de Lima (Perú) en 1938 que se creara un Comité Técnico Sudamericano con el fín de que se encontrara un sistema más ágil para las modificaciones que exige el anticuado reglamento. Muchas reuniones, muchas fotografías, mucho aparato y ningún resultado tangible.-

Por último, en cuanto a tácticas le diré que se utiliza mucho el sistema defensivo de zona del que fuí iniciador siguiendo sus indicaciones y algo menos se usa el sistema de hombre a hombre.- En el ataque el sistema más generalizado es el pivot-post con muchas improvisaciones. La cortina ("screen") se ignora casi como recurso ofensivo. En mi club (Trouville) he utilizado hasta el año pasado (durante tres temporadas) un sistema de ataque que me sirve eficazmente para entrenamiento, que requiere pase sencillo, seguro y corto y que se puede variar en su jugada decisiva de acuerdo a las características defensivas del adversario. Tenía, para nosotros el gravísimo inconveniente que en las canchas de tosca no se podía desarrollar con seguridad. El sistema, en general se vé en el croquis adjunto y los críticos lo denominaron impropiamente el "carrousell". Se basa en el "rolling offense" y le da participación a los cinco jugadores.-

Espero que usted me perdonará que haya sido tan extenso, pero es que deseo satisfacer en todo lo posible su interés que estimo sincero sobre nuestro basquetbol. Ahora me toca consultarle a mí. Si es que tengo el honor de recibir una nueva carta de usted en

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///el próximo mes, le agradecería me hiciera saber si entre los "boys" de la Universidad de Kansas (menores, medianos o mayores) podría existir interés en realizar un concurso internacional de Tiro Libre o de 21 puntos u otro de sus juegos. La performances se cumplirían y trasmitirían telegráficamente en el mismo momento en Kansas y Montevideo según debería establecerse posteriormente. Si la proposición interesara fijaríamos de común acuerdo los demás detalles, incluso con las sugestiones que de su parte mucho estimaríamos. Esta consulta se amplía en el sentido de saber en que condiciones sería posible la venida a esta capital de un equipo de la Universidad de Kansas. Aquí sólo habría interés por ahora en equipos universitarios en razón, justa o injusta, de que las jiras de anteriores equipos norteamericanos han dejado la sensación de tener un cierto sentido comercial del que,- por supuesto-, no se culpa a las autoridades deportivas vinculadas a esas jiras.-

Esperando me perdone la extensión de la presente, aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle las seguridades de mi mayor estima y mi consideración más distinguida,

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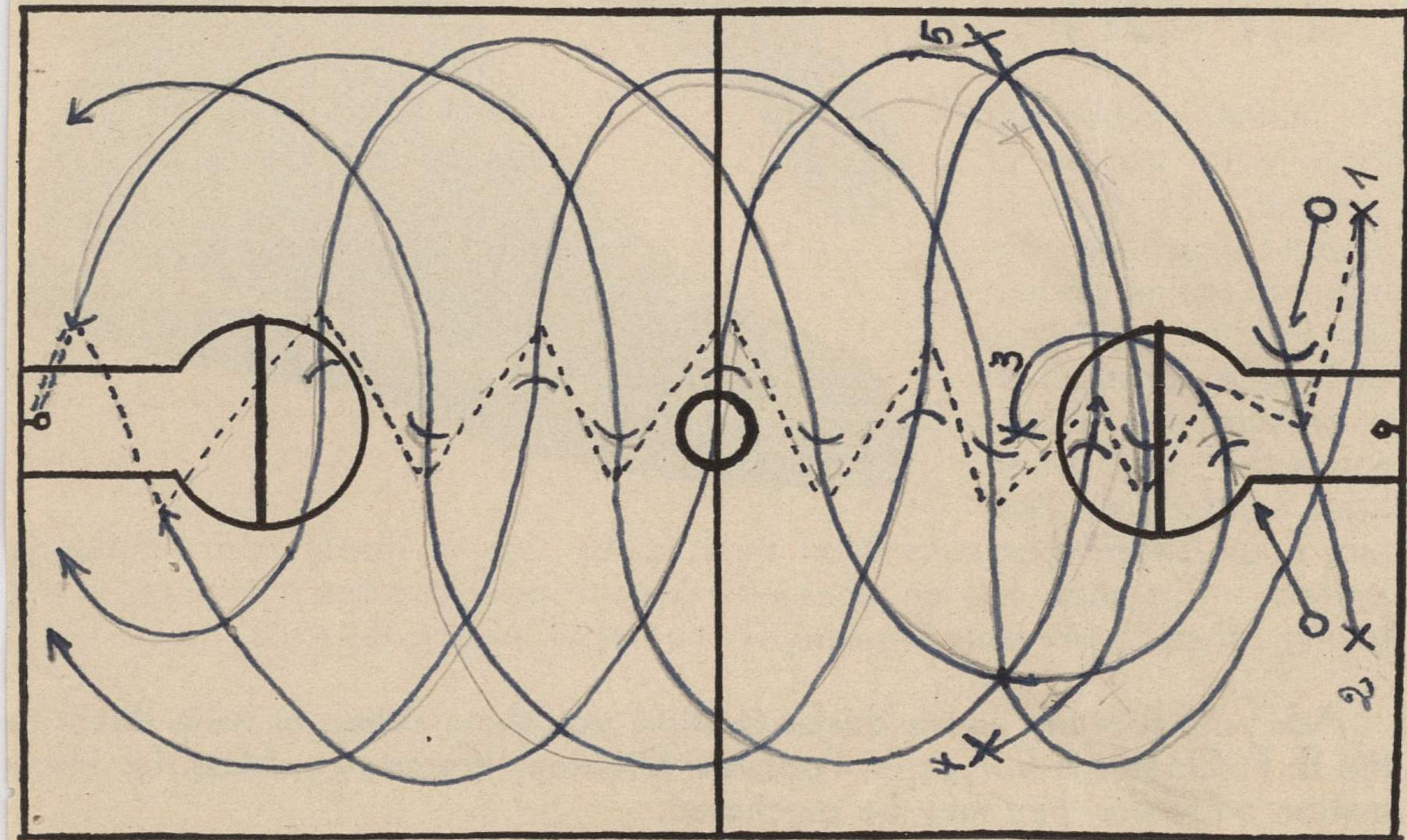
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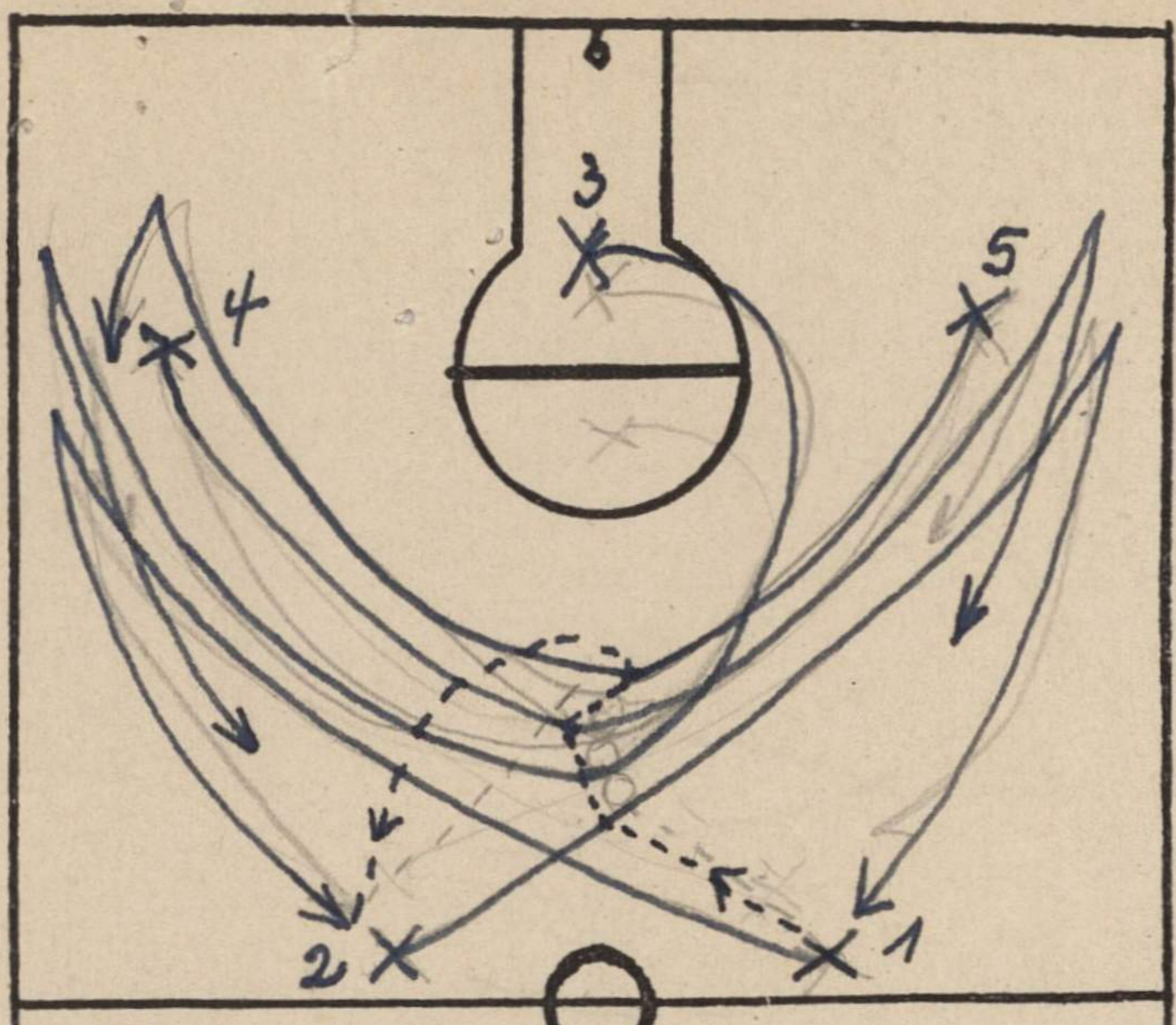
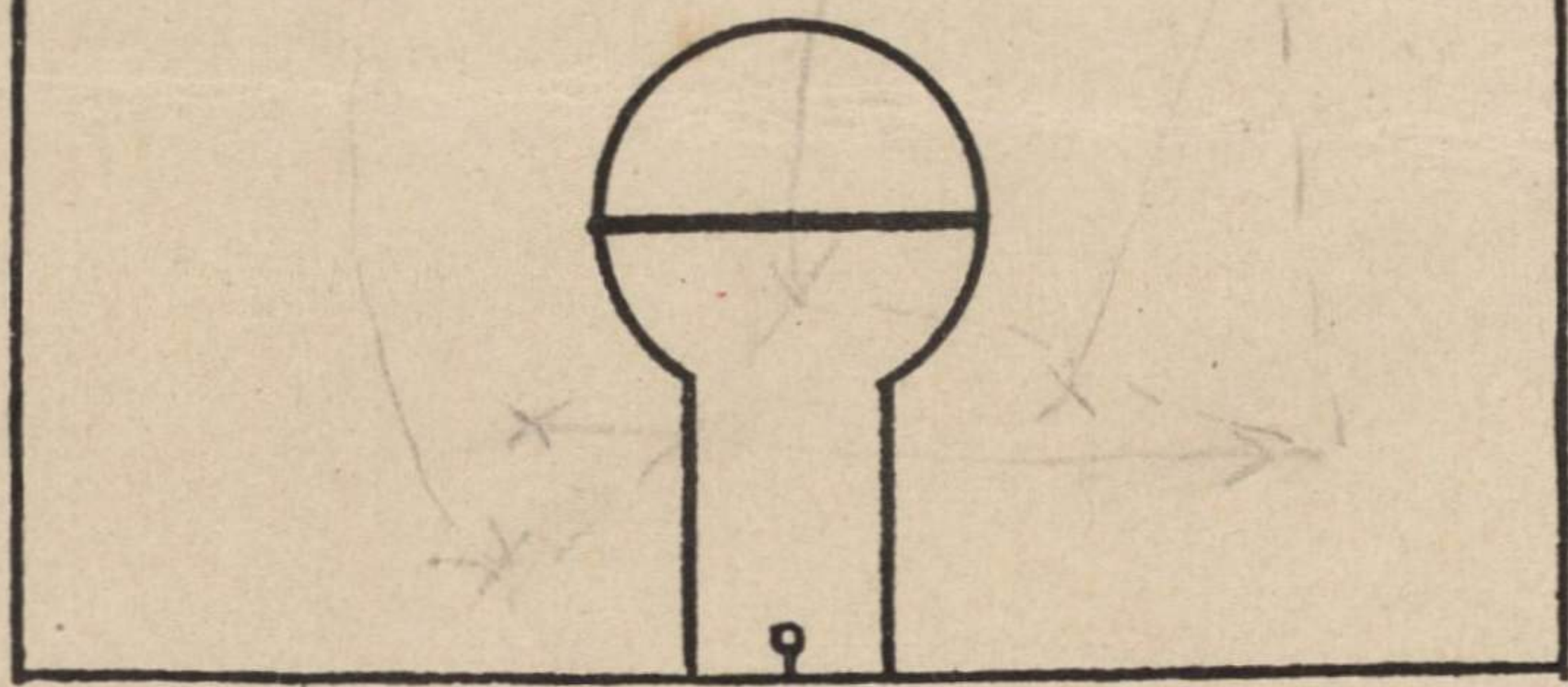
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