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Dear Dr. Allen:

I am a little late answering your letter of November 4, but it came at a time when I was locking up the November issue which is late due to delays at the printers. These are strenuous times as far as getting the Journal out on time because of labor shortage at the printers.

I am looking forward to receiving your article, which I know will be good and your articles never need editing which lightens my burdens.

I am attaching the article which I ran in the November issue on How to Combat a Pressing Defense.

It is all right for you to criticize it or to present another side, for different opinions start people thinking.

I am also attaching a chart which we are running in the November issue, and the opposite explanatory page. I am attaching this as it might suggest an attractive layout for your general article on defenses, for instance, at the top of the page we could have a chart of defenses, then for each vertical instead of horizontal column the different defenses, diagrams showing the difference in each and at the bottom of each column, a summary of the good points of each.

I note what you say about an article on How to Thwart the Pressing Defense. You will touch upon this in your general article on defense, but why not write up this special article for the January issue? It will be a natural follow-up to the general article. I am in a position to pay for two good articles, where in the past, I have been too short of funds to get many articles from the top-notchers.

Thanks for your comments on our effort to unify basketball nomenclature. You would be surprised to know what an effort it is, and many times I miss it. There are some coaches too who object to having anything changed in their articles.

You wrote an article for us once on nomenclature. Why don't you write up an editorial. We occasionally run signed editorials. In this you can show the improvement that has been made and suggest places for more improvement. Some of the top-notchers still "block" and not "screen". To me that