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Dear "Doc":

I was in Chicago over the week end and had another talk with Mr. Porter in regard to the action of the basketball rules committee. I also sent a copy of my editorial to George Edwards and have a fine letter from him this morning.

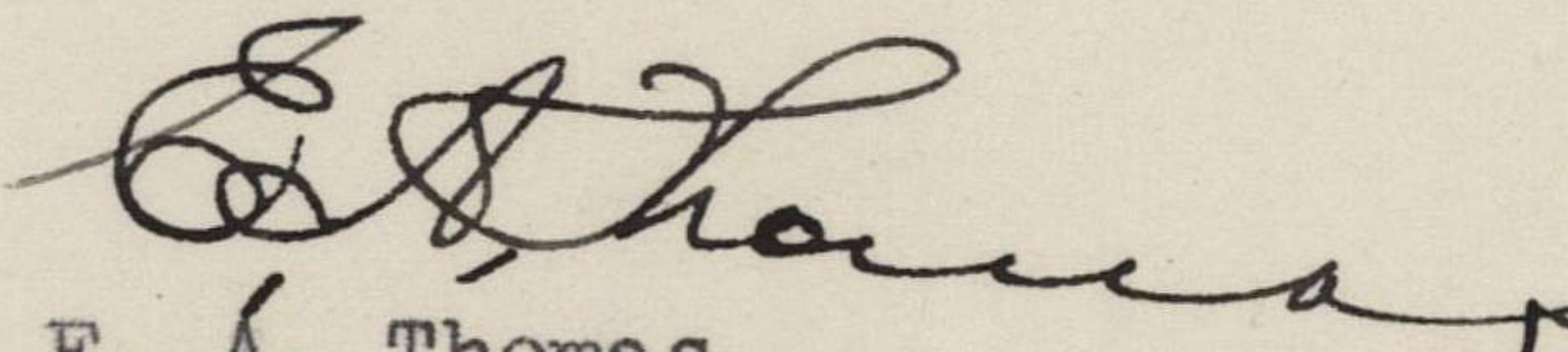
George Edwards does not think the situation is so serious as Mr. Porter seems to think it is. George believes that if we will just be patient and not try to force the issue so fast the transition to the new type of backboard will come in time. Of course, you and I understand that Mr. Porter is quite persistent in advancing his ideas and I was a little bit afraid that perhaps he was endeavoring to force the issue a little too fast at first. While George is very loyal to the streamlined board I think he is cognizant of the true situation and it is quite a relief to me to receive his reassuring letter. He seems to think that with both boards and both types of basketballs approved we shall have to be content until after the war is over. He is also very anxious that nothing be done to disturb the relationship between the high schools and the colleges. Unlike Mr. Porter he does not believe the college and university men are anxious to break away. This is good news to us, of course, and it will be of assistance to us in planning our affairs for the future. The first opportunity I have I shall drop in and talk to you about it. In the meantime I think our best procedure is to say very little about it. Perhaps I have said too much in my article and I shall not comment on it further unless something comes up in the meantime.

With best wishes, I am

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