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Mr. Floyd A. Rowe,
Chairman, National Basketball Committee,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Floyd:

Last night I took home the Journal of School Health and the mimeographed copy of "Health Service Problems in Basketball", by Charles H. Keene, M. D., director of health and physical education at the University of Buffalo.

I was very much interested in this criticism because I have always opposed the elimination of the center jump. But you know we go along with the majority, even though we do not agree. I am saying something to you, Floyd, now in extreme confidence, and I would not want to have you pass this on because there is always an opportunity for a fellow to speak out of turn. I have always inately felt that the center jump was sold down the river for a consideration not of money but of political sectional athletic good will and vicarious athletic game trading.

I am not endeavoring to restore the center jump to basketball by using these dissatisfied people as a medium. Even though they have very good grounds and justification for bringing this up, as a member of the Committee I will play one hundred per cent with you before anything is broached.

Again this year I suggested the possibility of rotation of the center jump, the same as we have the batting order in basketball; that the coach should declare his jumping order with the rival coach at the time the line-up is given; that we should have this rotation of the center jump to break the almost hysterical spell that we find our spectators in after one of these games.

Actually, I am telling you the chancellor of our University and a great many professors have told me that they cannot stand the present-day basketball game. They love the game, but they find themselves in such a nervous state after a game of this sort that they are forced to stay away to guard their health.