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Mr. Bob Kunkel, Sports Reporter,
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Dear Mr. Kinkel:

Pardon my failure to answer your good letter sooner. I am just leaving for New York to attend the Rules Committee meeting, but I can answer your question very briefly.

A team shoots into its own basket, and defends the opponent's basket. I have talked to Dr. Naismith, the inventor of the game, a number of times about this and told him that my notion was that a team should shoot into the opponent's basket, just as a football team endeavors to score across the opponent's goal. But Dr. Naismith said, no, he always worked on the theory that a team attempts to score in its own basket and attempts to keep the opponents from scoring in their own basket.

I trust the next time you write me that I will not delay so long, but I have been to San Francisco twice in a month and traveling takes much time.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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