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Mr. Oswald Tower,  
Andover, Mass.

Dear Oswald:

Thank you very much for your dandy letter of the 13th inst.

I am glad that the rules have turned out so well and I know how happy you are, because as Editor of the Guide it is no small source of worry when the people all over the country are pounding you on the back with their criticisms. As a matter of fact, you are the one that is forced to keep the balance, while these Rules Committee members cause you all the trouble.

One nice thing about it was that none of the fundamentals of the game were changed but the complexion of it was changed very drastically.

I have a notion regarding the bucket play that in my opinion should be cleared up, Oswald. Why permit a man with his back to the basket and in the back area to be given a semi-free field throw at the basket, just because his stance is in that queer position. Why couldn't we say that this fellow could be guarded the same as any other man on the floor, regardless of the position he takes, or if you want to go further than that by saying that if he takes that position, he is not permitted to shoot but can pass or dribble as he sees fit and still put the three second limitation on him. That, it seems is entirely fair.

This fellow nudges his hips back into the guard and the guard is supposed to observe the one yard or a space limitation and it really gives this general tall and husky fellow a decided advantage that he should not have. I want to talk to you about this when I get to New York. I think something should be done to clear this up even more than has been done.

Thank you for your letter regarding contribution to the Guide. We will be happy to handle this situation and to delegate individuals to handle these lesser groups. I will also talk with you when I am in New York concerning them.

Very cordially yours,

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Director.