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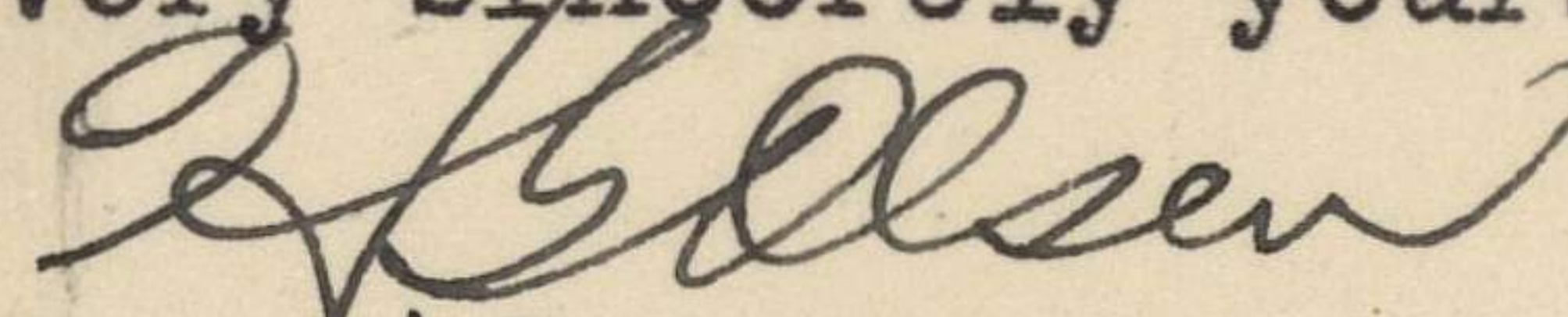
Dear <sup>"Phog"</sup>Forrest:-

I am enclosing another copy of the changes in the basketball rules for 1929 and 30.

In regard to the question concerning the interpretation of the pivot which is covered in rule seven, section nine at the bottom of this sheet, Mr. St. John is of the opinion that the statement as found there, is in accordance with the consensus of opinion as expressed in the Rules Committee Meeting and Dr. Meanwell is giving an interpretation which is not correct. Mr. St. John feels that while this is the true statement of the mind of the Committee, nevertheless there is brought in some difficulty of administration. For example, the official under this new interpretation must decide whether or not one foot is behind the other. That in itself is a difficult thing when the official is viewing the player from an angle. There is the other difficulty of deciding such a question as this; the player comes to a stride stand with one foot, let us say four or five inches behind the other. A situation such as this is going to make basketball officiating more technical and that is something Mr. St. John is anxious to get away from but in spite of this, his judgment is that the statement as given out in the rule changes sent out by Tower is a correct statement and unless there is some change, that is the ruling which we will have to follow unless, of course, some of our various conferences decide on a different interpretation for their own body.

I trust you had a pleasant summer and will look forward to seeing you in Chicago again.

Very sincerely yours,

  
H. G. Olsen,  
Director of Basketball.

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