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Dear Dr. Allen:

Knowing of your many years' experience as a successful basketball coach, and your intense interest and leadership in improving the rules to maintain this game as one of our leading and finest of American sports, I am writing to make a suggestion which might be of interest to you.

As a boy I started playing basketball when the game was originated and introduced in 1894, and I continued to take an active part in the game for the next ten years, including four years as a member of the varsity on my college team which held its own with the best colleges of those days.

Since that time I have been much interested in the development of the game and have followed its progress quite closely. It appears to me that during the past few years the game has developed a trend in such a direction that most teams now, to be successful, must be composed largely of physical monstrosities; that is, applicants must be well over 6' to $6\frac{1}{2}$ ' tall to stand much of a chance of making the team. For several years I have read of changes in the rules suggested and considered to offset, to some extent, the advantage possessed by the super-tall men such as raising the baskets a foot or two, or by limiting certain