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Dear Dr. Allen:

In February of this year, I asked your cooperation in a survey I was then making concerning the popularity of a move on foot to take the center jump out of basketball. At that time, you were kind enough to furnish me with much material which proved to be very valuable.

Now, with the tip-off play legislated out of the rules, I'd like to have some additional comment from both you and Dr. Naismith, since you have now had an opportunity to observe the tip-less game in widespread use. From press reports, you still are against the type of basketball now being played. Might I ask if you think the rule--eliminating the jump--would be all right if applied only to colleges? There are many observers who believe that removal of the tip was a forward move in college ball, but that the tip-less game is too much, too hard, too fast for prep basketballers.

I have also heard the criticism that Dr. Naismith is still "in his peach-basket days." Mind you, that is not my opinion, hence I would like to have Dr. Naismith answer this charge of the opposition.