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Mr. Bert McDonald,  
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Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am glad to get your letter of the 30th ultimo, but very sorry indeed to know that you are incapacitated. You have written a very intelligent letter. It is always a pleasure for me to take time out to answer any questions that would be helpful to you.

I want to congratulate you on your ability to organize and stimulate the interest in basketball, especially when your parish priest, a principal and an educator, was not enthused over the athletic set up. You have built a monument to the youth of your community. I refer to the fact that you undoubtedly are responsible for the addition of the gymnasium and shower bath in the new building.

I am glad that you are interested in your son's success, and the fact that you are coaching the team will make him admire you very much. And in turn when he goes off to college it will link you two up with a lasting friendship that neither of you will forget.

I am glad to know that you have "My Basketball Bible" and my last book, "Better Basketball". It pleases me that you have gotten some information and experience from them.

Now, in regard to the new rule concerning the permission of the offensive man standing in the outer half of the free throw circle without the ball for an indefinite time. I do not plan to change my offensive set up in the least. My contention is that any man who locates in that area congests the basket because the guard will play a little behind and alongside that fellow. The guard's position will always shift to the side in which the ball is located.

In other words, if the ball is over on the right side and out in front of this post man then the guard will shift to the side and yet enough behind the player to keep the center from spinning around and receiving a pass over his head near the basket. I will still play my men out in the corners. The forwards and three offensive