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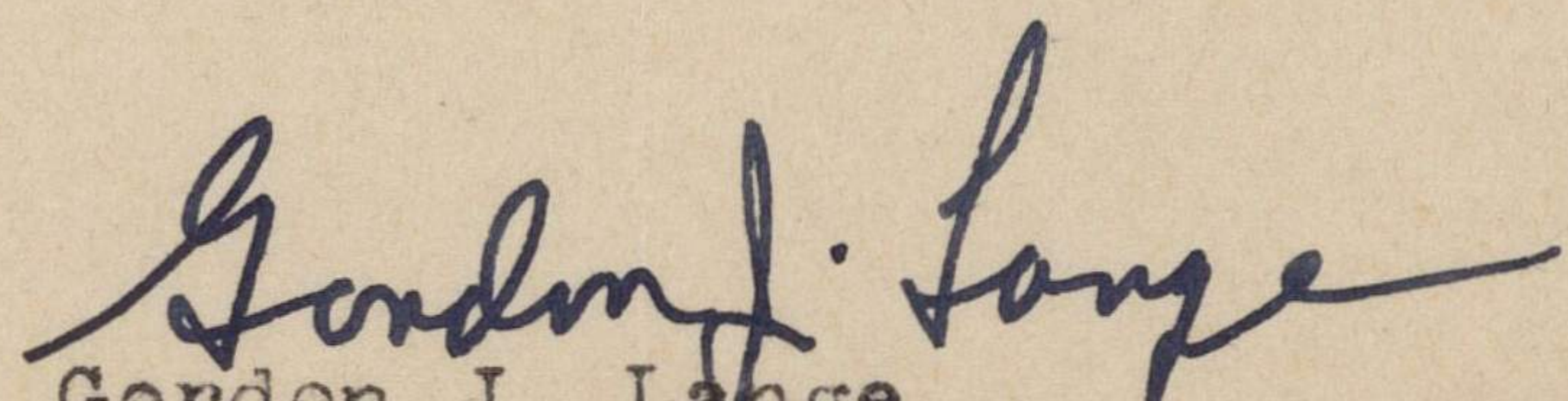
Dear Mr. Allen:

Perhaps this letter is out of line and you are busier with other more important problems but I have always felt that you played sound basketball, leaving nothing to chance, and so I would like a little advice in regard to type of play experienced here.

Most of the teams around here play zone defenses of one type or another with an occasional man to man defense thrown in, particularly our games played with larger schools. Myself, I am an advocate of the man to man defense and was fortunate enough to win a district tournament last year after a poor season. My problem is this: is it possible to build an offense capable of playing against both a zone or a man to man defense. Most of the floors around here are small, ours being the biggest, therefore, the predominance of the zone type. I have only second year men with not too great ability and feel that it is impossible to build too separate types of offenses satisfactorily--the boys just don't have it. Also might add we have had extreme difficulty in maintaining a lead once it has been established. We tend to lag and lost many games in the last quarter after they were seemingly won.

Any information such as charts or any other advise will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,


Gordon J. Lange