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Dear

As nearly as I can remember, when we had clinical games here at the University and also at Springfield, Massachusetts, where I was teaching, we merely superimposed twelve-foot baskets on the ten-foot platform. We had our Dell Davidson just build a two-foot extension and elevate it two feet. So I think the whole thing cost less than twenty dollars. It is something that could be dismantled in thirty minutes. That is why I have been amazed that none of the coaches in the country, so to speak, were interested enough in research to try the thing.

It shows to me how little coaches really care about improving the game when a little effort on their part is required. It appears to me their primal purpose is to get as much out of it and put as little into it as they can conveniently do.

I think it would be a fine thing to have two teams, who have never shot at twelve-foot baskets, play a regular game. Research has shown that eighty-two percent of all fouls are made in an arc of the free throw circle projecting to the end line. This is due to the fact that practically all players drive into the baskets for lay-ups. I believe that you could publicize the clinic nationally and it would cause much comment.

I will be glad to talk to you about this further, if you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

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