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Mr. Emil Liston,
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Dear Lis:

I am not in a position to arrive at a definite conclusion on the Physical Education credit given to the G. I. Joes, and so forth. I am just leaving now for Washburn, and will not have an opportunity to elaborate on this.

As I told you when I talked with you regarding glass backboards, it is necessary that the light behind the basket be as brilliant as in front. Otherwise, the light in front is disseminated through the glass board into the darkness and the glass shows blue, and with a black rim the shooting target is near invisible. You can visualize this.

I have talked to a number of scientists and they say the General Electric people will get out a board after the war that shuts out the darkness from behind and is of such type glass that it gives a light reflection in front, which has all the satisfactory requirements of transparency from behind, and yet gives the shooter the vision that should be had.

Of course, I am for the kidney-shaped board because it admits better passing from out of bounds with more height allowance, and also it admits visualization of 52% of the people back of the backboard, whereas the old boards shut off all the vision.

I am not very well acquainted with the Lawrence officiating personnel for basketball. This boy, Chalmer Woodard, at the high school, does some work, as well as Woestemeyer, Mit, and some of the other boys. Since you are so close to Lawrence I am sure that you are about as well acquainted with their efforts as I am.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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