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Dear Dr. Allen:-

In this letter, along with a request for certain information regarding the organization of amateur basketball in the United States, I send greetings from the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association.

I have been advised that you are the source of information regarding amateur basketball in the United States, or else know who knows most on the subject. The purpose of this letter is to seek an alliance with the chief amateur basketball organization in your country in order to facilitate international games between teams of our respective organizations, especially along the international border, but also between our champion teams.

It is extremely important that I secure information on the subject as soon as possible. During the past summer, after long attempts on our part to get the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada to redress certain grievances and to rectify certain handicaps under which we were attempting to operate, our Canadian Amateur Basketball Association gave the required month's notice and formally withdrew from our Articles of Alliance with the AAU of C. Let me assure you that the causes of our withdrawal were absolutely administrative, regarding excessive cost of operating the Amateur organization to our loss, unnecessary interference in our game, - contrary to our Articles of Alliance with the AAU of C. - and failure of the AAU of C. to make any attempt whatsoever to remedy abuses which have crept into its administration. You must know that the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association HAS NOT CHANGED at all the definition of an amateur. Its officers have laid down a strict definition to be followed and have set up rigid arrangements for registration to prevent any encroachment of professionalism, - and all this at a minimum of cost as compared to the top-heavy overhead necessary under the AAU of C.

In April, 1937, I applied to Mr. Jones, secretary - treasurer of the Federation Internationale de Basketball at Rome for a direct alliance. His reply indicated two important things:

1.- that during the term of our alliance to the AAU of C. (1931 to 1937), the AAU of C. had used the fact of our alliance to them to secure under their own name, - the AAU of C. - our international alliance with the World Federation of Basketball. In our Articles of Alliance to the AAU of C. we did not agree to that, and it was done without our knowledge. (The CABA. was organized as a nationally independent sports organization in 1922, and operated as such until 1931). He advised that the CABA. could regain its own alliance.