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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

As agreed when together in Lawrence last week, I am returning to you a copy of the brief I originally sent you concerning the new game, with a few notations added thereto, as a result of our conversation.

I am also enclosing a list of the basketball coaching schools that we discussed, which, if my notes are correct, you agreed to check over and return to me with your suggestions as to both the schools that would be worthwhile for a pair of demonstration backboards and also the name of the individuals whom we should approach as concerns submitting a sample or two. In the latter connection I wish you would also feel free to add any schools that are not on this list but which are, in your opinion, worthy of this work on our part.

As soon as we can get around to a thorough discussion of the suggestions made by you after the demonstration in your gymnasium, as concerns the convexity of the bank in the two locations immediately to the right and left of the goal, I shall write you further.

Returning to the new game under discussion, we understand that you will begin working up some general publicity, as well as rules, for playing the game, and will submit them to us as soon as it is convenient for you to do so, and we, in turn, will be giving this matter some thought so that we can iron out the rough spots as quickly as possible and get under way.

I shall arrange to send you one of the goals mounted on a round base, on the order of a volleyball standard base, inasmuch as we have decided to eliminate the idea of inserting the upright in a pipe imbedded in concrete, because, after all, the round base idea will do the same thing, as far as being portable is concerned, and is much easier to handle because a goal mounted on such a base could be rolled out of the way, both in a gymnasium and out of doors. Besides, both types would require anchorage of one kind or another and the standard with the round base can be used both inside and outside, whereas the standard that we originally considered in connection with a pipe set in concrete, could be used only out of doors.

This letter will also contain the 5% over-ride commission we discussed, pending such time as we can get together on a formal document, which I would imagine