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contributed to the game the convex idea. I asked him if the Rules Committee would then license others to manufacture the board and we, in turn, to receive a royalty from such competitors, and he said "definitely No" - that if we turned the papers over to the Rules Committee it would be the same as if we did not have any patent.

That is the status of this matter at this time. We simply don't know how to over-come this obstacle and I am writing you for advice.

Incidentally, I should advise that Porter said if we had a patent on the method of fabricating the board, there would be no objection, but on the basic patent of the convex idea applied to a board, that was something else again. Between us - and very confidentially - if we could get a patent on the fabrication of the board (a process patent) we would have a much stronger patent than we would on a basic patent, but we don't see how that is possible.

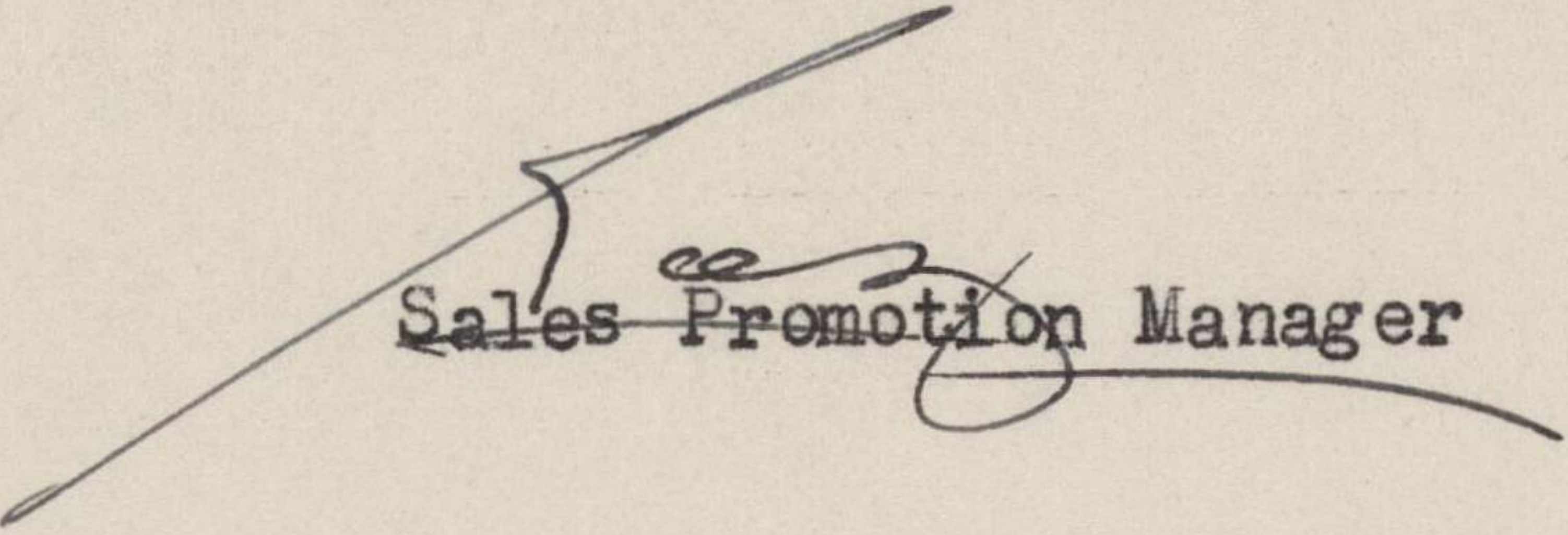
In any event, I wonder if you can give us any advice as concerns the Rules Committee concerning this question. We wondered whether or not the Committee was definitely committed to turning down something like the convex idea because of patents. Another thought that comes to mind is that possibly, in spite of the thought advanced by Porter, there could be enough of the Rules Members that would vote for the adoption of the convex board as optional equipment, patent or no patent. In other words, we look to you, Phog, for any information you might have on the subject that would help us in our present foggy condition. Needless to say, your remarks will be held in strict confidence.

Believe me, Mr. Medart and I will appreciate hearing from you in the above connection.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

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