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Dear Mr. Allen:

Here is a summary of the sentiment relative to the proposed backboard which was diagrammed in a former letter which went with the basketball minutes. A few of the men have not answered but of the twelve who did, the proposed diagram appears to be satisfactory except for the following suggestions.

Salmon thinks the proposed board is satisfactory except that he would eliminate the "cut-out" directly behind the ring and would extend the straight edges at the side a trifle higher.

St. Clair desires to make some further observations before committing himself.

I thought you would be glad to have the results so that they might serve as something of a guide in your further studies relative to the matter.

As far as the Interscholastic Edition of the Basketball Guide is concerned, I felt it desirable to include a few comments relative to the matter. These comments are in the supplementary pages of the guide and not in the body of the rules. Since copy had to be sent to the printer at about the time I last wrote you, the best I could do was to confine my comments to the minimum and maximum dimensions as outlined at the rules meeting. You will, of course, use your own judgment as to what diagrams or pictures are included with your article in the almanac section of the guide.

Since we have already spent one year in experimental work connected with the part of the old board that is actually used, it seems to me desirable to continue the work with boards somewhat similar to that which I diagrammed. We have already had a number of schools making up boards of various sizes in the manual training departments. Such boards were in use during the latter part of the past season. Unless we can give these men something fairly definite a great deal of the benefits of work which has already been started will be lost. It seems to me it would be a mistake for us to confine our efforts to boards of the present shape and size but with a convex surface. The work which has already been done indicates that a great deal of the value in any change would come from elimination of a considerable portion of the board below the level of the ring.

attached