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Fred Medart Mfg. Co.
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Atten: R. E. Weinzettel

Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

The answer to your letter of May 17th has been delayed until returns from the members of the Basketball Committee were in. A summary of these returns have now been forwarded to F. C. Allen, Chairman of the Reserach Committee, and you will probably hear from him in the near future.

I agree with you that the various summer coaching schools are a good medium through which to get these boards demonstrated.

As far as installation is concerned, I see no reason why the modified board could not be made so that it could be attached to the pipe supports and extend a foot or so in front of the dringers. This would make a better looking job but, of course, would make the board too near the free throw line. I do not believe this is a detriment as far as demonstration is concerned. If any group desired to actually play with the board it would be an easy matter for them to mark a temporary free throw line at the proper distance from the backboard.

I note your comment to the effect that if a smallerboard were used, it might necessitate rearranging the present supports. On the other hand, it is not probable that if the new type board were to be made from 54 to 60 inches in width that there would be any great difficulty in making the change because that would necessitate bringing the supports in only six to eight inches on either side and in most cases the supports are not at the extreme edges of the board. All of these things will have to be taken into consideration as experimental work progresses.

Yours truly,

Secretary