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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am glad to be able to tell you that we are shipping to you today, the basketball play equipment, which, for want of a better name, I will call "Goalee". This shipment is going forward via MK&T Truck Lines, freight prepaid, and should be in Lawrence within a couple of days.

I am attaching a rough sketch showing you the construction of the basket, and you will note there are three swinging gates, suspended from the top hoop, which are intended to prevent the passage of a ball through the goal in the event it is low, i.e., is thrown low and might otherwise enter the goal from below the hoop. I think this is more or less self-explanatory as indicated on the sketch. Since making these three gates we find it would be wise to change their shape a little bit so they would be wider at the top than at the bottom, to prevent a ball wedging between one of the three rigid uprights supporting the hoops and the side of the gate. This, of course, we would change when we go into production on this item.

We are not attaching the marking equipment as that would ^{is} be a minor item that we have yet to work out and would undoubtedly consist of a collar on the base of the equipment, to which could be attached a wire with a scratch instrument at the opposite end. You will remember we discussed this, and for the purpose of tests at the University, we feel certain it will not be difficult for you to lay out the field for play without this marking equipment.

I wish you would please arrange to have some photographs taken after this equipment has been set up, and used for a few days. I would like very much to have three or four photographs made, showing people of various ages using the equipment, and, if possible, using it with the field laid out in a large circle with the inner circle as we have discussed it, and also, with the playing field divided into three sections, as suggested as a possibility for a variation of the game in my original paper outlining our ideas of this game.

You can advise your commercial photographer that we desire the negatives and one print of each photograph taken, and, as mentioned above, believe it would be a good idea to have one with the upright 8' from the ground and being used by children of elementary school age; another one with the upright raised to a 9' height with children of high school age using the equipment; and a third photograph of the equipment raised to the full 9' maximum height with College students, or "grown ups" playing the game.