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Attn: Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education

Dear Dr. Allen:

The fact that you have not heard from me since writing to me under date of October 22 in regard to your new book, means only that I simply have not had the opportunity to combine a thorough reading of the book and the writing of a letter to you.

I picked up your book in New York the early part of December. Since then, it has had very close attention, and I have just about completed the part which I will use most of all, and the rest of it has been given just a light going over. In consequence, I am quite well acquainted with it, and believe that I can give you a criticism since you asked for one in your last letter.

I like it. I think it is great. It is a pity that a copy of it cannot be placed in the hands of every coach and every trainer in the country. In particular, I was very much gratified to see that you incorporated the new rule in the book, that is, the elimination of the center jump. For a time, I was afraid that your book would not have anything to say about the new feature of the game.

I find everything comparatively simple. By that I mean, there is nothing of what one might term "advanced basketball". In my estimation, almost any coach of almost any high school can pick it up and get an awful lot from it. The chapter on Tales, or perhaps I should say the chapters on Tales were very interesting. I enjoyed immensely the one about Milton. That was one of the finest chapters I have ever read in any book. Through it all and between the lines, I can see the proud and the happy Dad. You ought to be. On the other hand, Milton is certainly deserving of commendation. He played his part well; in fact, so well that I'll bet you two had a happy reunion in the Allen household that night.