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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Back home again and I want to thank you for the prompt response to my wire. I noted the information given us very carefully and had quite a discussion with Mr. Porter in Chicago. He made a very significant statement concerning the convex board in that he expressed a liking for the way the balls rebounded off of this surface into a wider area on the floor than was true with a flat board.

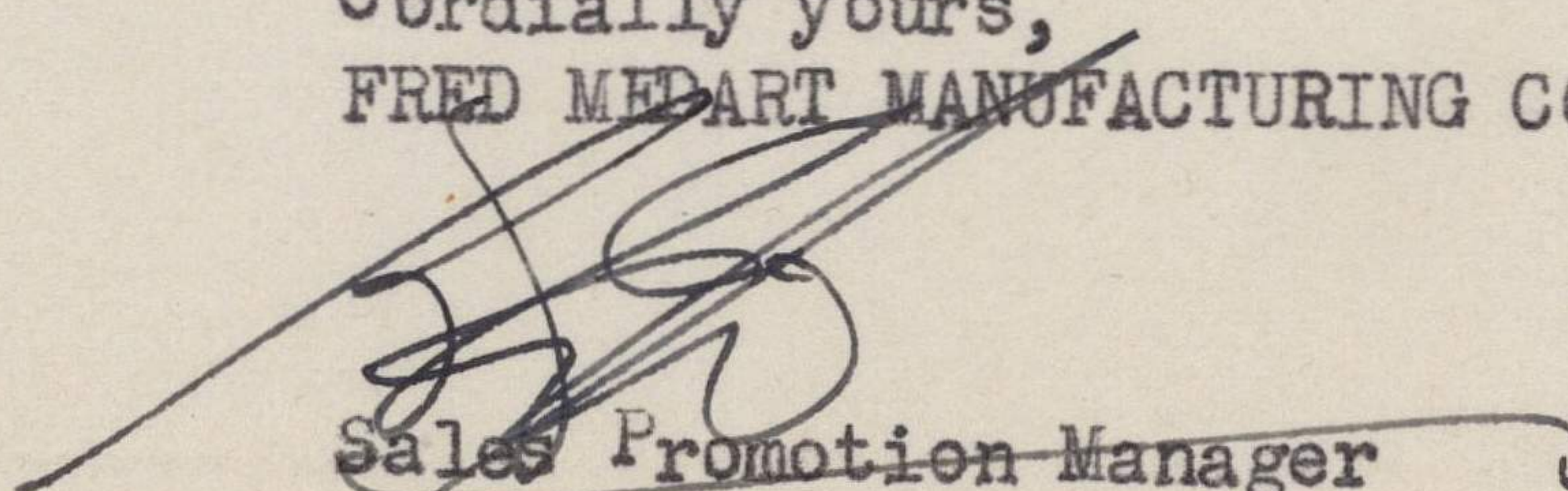
However, he repeated the statement made in his letter to you of May 29 in which he thought that a flat board of modified size would cause less dissension and confusion in the change-over period than one with a convex surface and of modified size. Obviously this was not encouraging because if basketball officials, nationally, adopt a modified board with a flat surface, it is not in order to expect them to again swing over to another board with a convex surface within a short time. Consequently, I think it is up to us to attempt to get this convex surface included with the modified size in this present effort of the Rules Committee. That is our problem as I see it.

Incidentally, as regards the convex surface in the shooting zones painted on your backboards, as discussed when we were together in your gymnasium, the thought was advanced that possibly it would be much better to move those shooting zones to conform to the convex surface of the board rather than attempt the complicated and difficult problem of levelling the curve within these particular areas. Have you given that some thought, Dr. Allen? In other words, it might be better to change the markings on your boards with the convex surface to provide for the slight affect on the ball when used against the convex boards, rather than attempt to depart from a true circle at these two points.

I think your name for the new game, "Goal-Hi" is pretty good. Let us continue to think about this game and the name for it.

Thank you again for writing to me in Chicago and with kindest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,  
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