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March 30, 1939

Mr. H. V. Porter, Secretary
National Basketball Committee
of the United States and Canada
11 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Porter:

Your letter of March 29 addressed to our Research and Development Engineer, Mr. G. R. Chervenka, comes to me for attention and I note with considerable interest your comments concerning the new basketball backstops which were demonstrated here in St. Louis yesterday.

I regret exceedingly that it was not possible for you to be with us because I believe you would have found the demonstration of more than ordinary interest.

Dr. Allen discussed your problem and our equipment to some length with a number of us, and as will be noted from the attached copies of our local newspapers, a number of interested coaches in this vicinity were present during the demonstration.

As the result of yesterday's meeting we are arranging to build three different backstops, one of which will be in the conventional 4' x 6' size with the convex surface, the second one being much on the same order but with the bottom corners eliminated, and the third backstop will be built according to the specifications given us by Dr. Allen and which are in keeping with the details contained in your letter of March 29.

Incidentally, in connection with the latter backstop I understand that Mr. Chervenka has prepared a detailed drawing which he is going to submit to you today for approval. We hope you will give this matter immediate attention and return the drawing to us with any changes that may be indicated, although I believe we have correctly interpreted the specification relayed to us by Dr. Allen. I make this statement so we can immediately put this special work in our shop and arrange to have several sets of samples made.

It is our intention to submit a set of these three different backstops for your Committee meeting in New York on May 1, subject to the acceptance of our offer of these samples to Mr. Salmon, to whom we are writing today upon the suggestion of Dr. Allen.