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Dr. Forrest Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I received your very kind letter of March 23. Yes, the thing that happened to Ray was terrible. The first summer that he had his mental trouble, I don't think I was ever more upset in my life. I couldn't sleep for days. The surprising thing to me was that he never had any tendency along this line—a wonderful boy, and I always felt, one of my closest friends.

Thanks for your suggestion about the stating of this blue line rule. I wish you would think over this one:

"Any player of either team who shall enter the blue line area at either end of the playing court shall move out of this area in any direction immediately. All players may, however, stop three seconds or less in this area for a shot at the basket, a rebound, or a defensive act. If any player violates this rule or the spirit of this rule, the ball shall be awarded to their opponents out of bounds at that end of the court."

I think, Dr. Allen, that the insertion of the spirit of the rule put in this paragraph of rules would make it very easy for an official. Remember when we put in the ten second rule. People felt that we would need stop watches and many other things, but as it worked out, the spirit of the rule was finally taken into consideration by the officials. So much for the rule.

If, by this time, you have received the basketball score book be sure to look over the place in the back of the book for keeping individual records. As yet I have not received a copy of your broadcast.

With kindest personal regards I remain

Sincerely yours, Touch

Weston W. Mitchell

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