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Dear Mac:

I have been interested in reading for a number of years now the oracle Henry B. Stuart's Opinion on This and That. I read his comment on basketball and from what I can learn reading what you have written about it he impresses me as a fellow who knows most about nothing and little about something.

I would like to paraphrase his remark and say if he has something else to do such as living and loving and hunting and fishing, he should go do it and lots of it before he comes here again and offers suggestions for specialists in their own line.

I imagine when they changed the pitching distance in baseball to 60 feet and 6 inches from the shorter distance that they discriminated against Dizzy Dean, Bob Feller, Walter Johnson, and the other fire ballers.

I would suggest that we do away with all rules committees and have this one Henry B. Stuart as a gentleman all rolled up in one to iron out all knotty problems of all sports.

Admittedly there is something wrong with the basketball rules. The Rules Committee have basketball in such a shape that it is impossible for any two good officials to officiate. Some wise cracker said that we should use four officials, but why make it twice as bad as it is. Coaches like Dutch Longborg and fifty others have stated that the game needs changes, but, when the horse 'n buggy Rules Committee get together, they make some silly inconsequential changes and give the game back to the boys in the same relative condition that we have given our country back to the Indians.

When people say "leave the game alone", it is an admission by a group who lack vision and nerve to do something about Remedying a condition that needs a real remedy and real intelligent people to prescribe it.

Sincerely yours,

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