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Dear "Hec":

Thanks for your very kind letter and additional information on the boys in the Pacific Coast Conference. Gee, these boys at Oregon really grow big! I saw this boy Dick play and I knew he was going to be a comer.

Hec, what do you think of these six foot seven boys? These basketball players are really getting taller all the time, and you know they said that if they eliminated the center jump they would get rid of the tall boys. I would like to get a few good converts to the 12-foot basket. I'll guarantee you if you will throw a 12-foot basket on these teams you will run these six foot seven boys out of the business unless they are so doggone good -- and those good ones are few and far between at that height. And then those six foot seven boys will have to shoot at the basket like all the rest of the boys and not dunk them in. Why don't you try a 12-foot basket just for research purposes? You will be amazed what it does to that mezzanine peeping goon.

That three-second lane rule, the interfering with the ball on or above the basket rule, the extra fouls for driving in -- all these things we immediately eliminate with the 12-foot basket. I would like to see a good strong man like you study the situation and come out for a higher basket. If you will try it out there will be no question about your findings.

I will certainly be happy to see you in Kansas City, but long before that time you will receive many letters from me because we have got a lot of work to do in connection with that Kansas City meeting. It is going to be a great tournament. In a few years this national championship will be one of the great events of the nation. It is the world series of basketball, you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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