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Dr. F. C. Allen,
McAlpin Hotel,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am very sorry that I cannot be present at the meetings. I feel that I have as great an interest in the game, and have a more comprehensive view, than any who have come in later.

In making this statement about basketball, I am looking at it from the world aspect, not from the standpoint of a coach. I fully appreciate that a coach has a different attitude from those who are using basketball as a form of recreation.

We have worked for years to have a unified set of rules and I am sorry that there will probably be a split and a number of sets of rules introduced. Some conferences of the High Schools are committed to making their own set and the Intercollegiate seems likely to repeat the 1905 revolt. My sincere hope has been that the American Guide should be the general set of rules which will be applicable to all cases, with such additions or eliminations as may be necessary for the different groups.

It seems to me that the rules of 32 and 33 were of this nature with the possible exception of the center jump, which has become slightly one-sided. But this might be equalized in several ways so that each center man has an equal chance at the ball. I like to see the ball put in play from the center of the floor rather than from the side. All games work from the field rather than from the side lines.

1. Throw the ball at varying heights so that there would be another attribute entering in, namely, physical judgment. The shorter is more likely to have this attribute than the taller man.
2. Limit the difference in height to a couple of inches.
3. Let the opposing captain choose the center jumper.
4. Bounce the ball between the centers rather than toss it up. Any one of these would be preferable to putting the ball in play from the sidelines.