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PRESIDENT

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Dr. F. C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

During the past 17 months it has been our privilege to assist in the work undertaken by your Committee to determine the advisability of a change in the size and shape of the present basketball backboard.

Much time has elapsed since we first entered this picture. Because of that fact, which may obscure an appreciation of our position in this cooperative effort, I am anxious that each member of the National Basketball Rules Committee know that during the past 17 months our effort has been strictly non-commercial, inspired only by a desire to contribute something of value, if possible, to the data you obtained elsewhere.

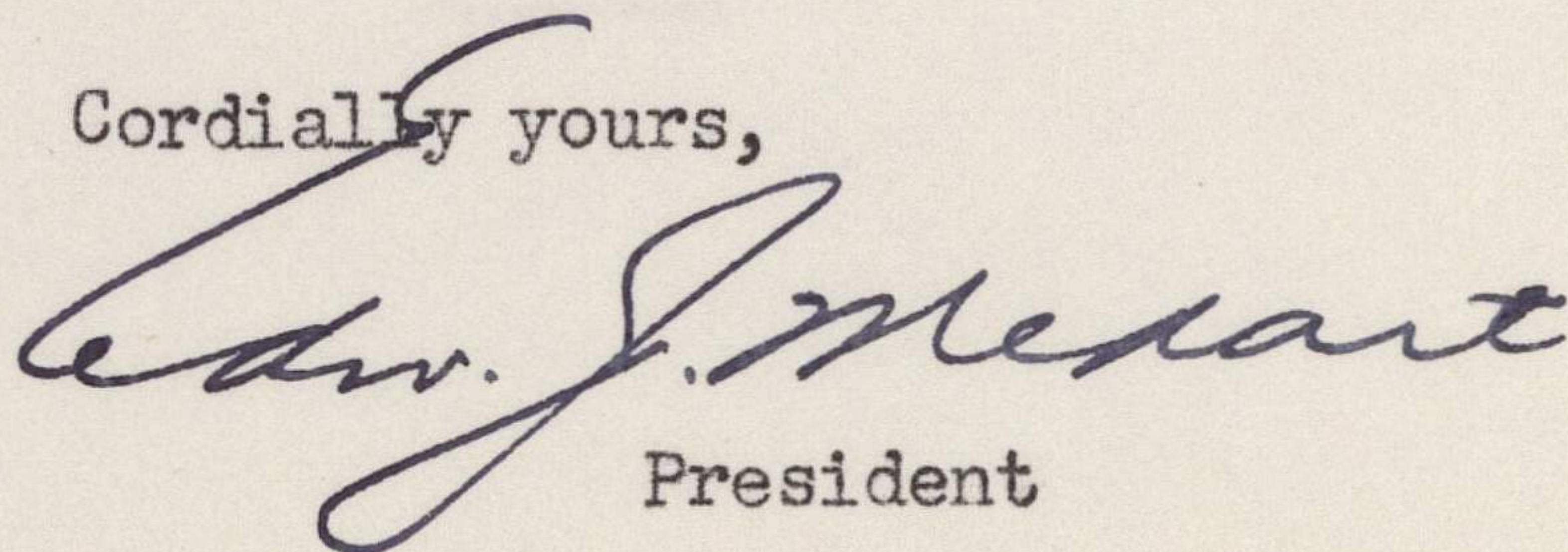
It has been suggested that we submit the attached summary of results from our effort to each member of your group. In presenting it to you, we are hopeful that this contribution may be of some value.

When invited to participate in this work, it was obvious that our manufacturing facilities permitted us to attack this mutual problem from a different angle, in that we were in a position to design, fabricate and install actual full-size samples in many parts of the country for the use of local coaches and for the enlightenment of your Committee from this actual-use experience.

During this period of experimentation we have had a number of requests for quotations on this new type of basketball backboard, and notwithstanding the assurance of your Secretary that the sale of convex backboards for cross court use would be permissible for experimental purposes, we have invariably discouraged the purchase of this new type of backboard until your Committee can pass upon its practicability viewed from the various angles that you will have to take into consideration.

Permit me to express my appreciation for the opportunity that has been afforded us to cooperate in this experiment with the National Basketball Rules Committee.

Cordially yours,


President

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