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Forrest C. Alan,
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Dear Sir:

According to a ruling of the War Production Board in connection with Iron and Steel Conservation Order M-126, announced April 8, 1943, CERTAIN ITEMS OF GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT MAY NOW BE MANUFACTURED "FOR PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION".

Perhaps you are aware of the Victory Corps Booklet No. 2, entitled "Physical Fitness Through Physical Education" published by the U.S. Office of Education. The program outlined in this booklet was prepared by a Committee appointed by the Commissioner of Education with the collaboration of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Physical Fitness Division of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Service. In part, the program suggests that a variety in choice of exercises should be used. The program emphatically points out that exercise on apparatus is especially valuable in developing strength, agility and endurance.

We are sure that you recognize the seriousness of the situation that confronts the Nation today and are eager to do everything possible to assist in the War Effort. You know that such leaders as Eddie Rickenbacker, Lt. General Lewis B. Hershey, and others have appealed to the schools of the country to maintain stepped-up classes of physical education for ALL students.

We have very few representatives available today. So, we hope that we may discuss your program and requirement by mail. If you will communicate with us today and tell us what you plan to do in connection with your Physical Education Department, we shall be glad to assist you in the proper selection of equipment and in any other way within our power.

Yours very truly,

J. E. PORTER CORPORATION

Wm. S. Miller
Vice-President

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