

enlarge it. However, I was somewhat surprised at the information given in your letter and I have no doubt that Mr. Edstrom would be interested in learning of the growth of basket ball in various foreign countries. You might write him care of William Garland, president of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, but you will have to do this at once since he is now on his way to Los Angeles and I am not sure how long he will stay there. Better send your letter Air Mail. In the event basket ball cannot be added to the program, sometimes the country holding the games is allowed to include one or two national sports, and in addition, sometimes demonstrations of sports not on the program are given. For instance, there were some La Crosse games last year in Amsterdam. Perhaps a letter to Edstrom will do some good."

A letter was immediately dispatched to Mr. Edstrom, to which he replied: "Your kind letter of September 13, has reached me here on the eve of my departure for Yokohama. I fully appreciate the importance of the sport of basket ball. During the time I provisionally acted as chairman of the International Handball Federation, we made an application with the International Olympic Committee that hand ball and basket ball be a part of the Olympic Games. Said application is going to be decided on at the Olympic Congress at Berlin Germany in May next year. Knowing the sentiment within the International Olympic Committee, I know, however, that the application will be rejected. The Olympic program is already too full and it is almost impossible to carry out the games within the period of a