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March 8, 1940.

Mr. A. N. Myers,
422 Coolidge Ave.,
South Hills,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Myers:

I am very much interested in your letter of the 2nd instant and the photograph of your new backboard.

I am wondering if you would like to display your backboard in Kansas City at the time of the National Basketball Rules meeting, the Basketball Coaches Association meeting, and the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament. The semi-finals in the tournament are on March 22 and 23, and the finals on the 30th. The association meetings begin March 28, and continue through April 1.

The conventions are to be held at the Hotel Continental, and the teams will be permitted to practice in the gymnasium of the Kansas City Athletic Club which is located in this hotel. This would be an ideal place for your board to be installed, and I am sure that it would attract much attention from the coaches, players and officials.

If you desire to display your board you may address it to me in care of the Hotel Continental, Kansas City, Missouri, and I will see that it is properly installed. Let me know the approximate date that it will arrive so that I can make arrangements ahead of time.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE SCORITE MANUFACTURING CO.

422 COOLIDGE AVE.
SOUTH HILLS, PITTSBURGH, PA.

A. N. MYERS CO. SUCCESSORS

Manufacturers of
Score Boards and Field Equipment

February 10, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

We are manufacturers of athletic equipment and among the items we build is a basketball backstop or backboard. We have read and heard a lot (unofficially) about the proposed change in backstop and would appreciate any information you can give us on this matter.

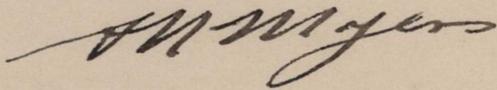
We have been experimenting with several different type backstops, one of which is outstanding. It is 36x60 inches with a 6 inch radius, rounded corner, and a 1/8x2 inch steel band around the entire edge. This rounded corner and steel band will strengthen the backstop so much that it is practically indestructible.

The goal is centered at the bottom of backstop with the top of the rim set up 6 inches from the bottom. Thus you have a 30 inch banking space above and on either side of the goal. This backstop can be made in any size and any radius corner, but after some quite extensive experiments we have found this size to be the most practical and economical.

We will be pleased to submit one of these backstops for your committee's inspection at their regular meeting and will appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

A. N. MYERS COMPANY



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February 13, 1940.

Mr. A. N. Myers,
422 Coolidge Ave.,
South Hills,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Myers:

I acknowledge receipt of your inquiry of February 10th concerning a possible reduction in size of the backboard.

The members of our Research Committee of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada are as follows: John W. Bunn, Dean of Men, Stanford University; E. J. Hickox, Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.; Curtis Parker, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.; H. V. Porter, 11 So. LaSalle St., Chicago; Floyd A. Rowe, Board of Education, Cleveland; and Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas, chairman.

On page 276 of the Official Basketball Guide for 1939-'40 you will find an article on new types of backboards tested by the Research Committee. The Research Committee is to report on backboards at their meeting which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on March 30, 31, and April 1. Also, the National Association of Basketball Coaches will meet in Kansas City March 28, 29 and 30. I have charge of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship of America, the semi-finals to be played in Kansas City on March 22 and 23, and the finals on March 30.

Mr. H. V. Porter, of Chicago, a member of the Research Committee, is doing a lot of work on the size of the backboard. Nothing will be determined at the Rules Meeting, but we would be glad if you care to submit a backboard at the time of this meeting. Perhaps we could arrange to set it up so the members could view it. That was done in New York University Day School, Washington Square, last year. The Medart people put up convex boards of all different sizes and the Rules Committee inspected them there.

If you want to submit a board or send a representative along with it, we would be glad to see it. We would also like to know any experiments that have been made and what the findings have been.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 2, 1940

Mr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We received your letter of February 13 and delayed answering until a few experiments were completed and some pictures made of our backboard.

We enclose photograph showing front view of backboard with goal attached. It is 36 inches high and 60 inches long with rounded corners cut on a 9-inch radius; and the top of goal is set up 6 inches from bottom, thus you have a 30 inch banking surface above and on either side of goal.

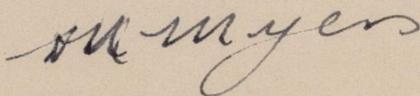
Our main interest is in building a marketable product with all the strength and durability we can build into it. We have had a number of school men in to inspect our product, and all agree it is practical and the strongest one they have ever seen.

This type backboard can be built in any size and with any radius corner. However, the above size is the most economical; and, since any change made would probably be adopted by all schools, they could in most cases make their present backboard conform to the above specifications. This would result in a tremendous savings to the school system.

We will be glad to send you a sample of our backboard to be displayed at your meeting if you will provide a place for erection and advise us where to send it.

Very truly yours,

A. N. MYERS COMPANY



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March 16, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

We have your letter of March 8 wherein you offer to install a pair of our backboards.

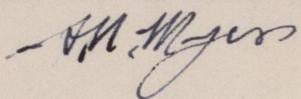
We have made some additional experiments on backboards. The enclosed blueprint is the result; the dotted line shows the back-brace, the light line is the modified backboard shown on page 47 of Basketball Rules Book, and the heavy line is, in our opinion, as far as it is safe to go in that direction. You will note that the light line misses the upper corners of the brace and as a result would weaken the entire structure, while the heavy line carries out the same general idea yet it retains enough of the corners of back-brace to insure sufficient strength if the board is properly bound with a stiff steel band around the edge.

We are shipping a pair of boards built according to the enclosed blueprint complete with a pair of goals, and will appreciate anything you can do regarding their installation in a prominent place, where they will be seen by the visiting coaches. We are addressing them to you at the Hotel Continental.

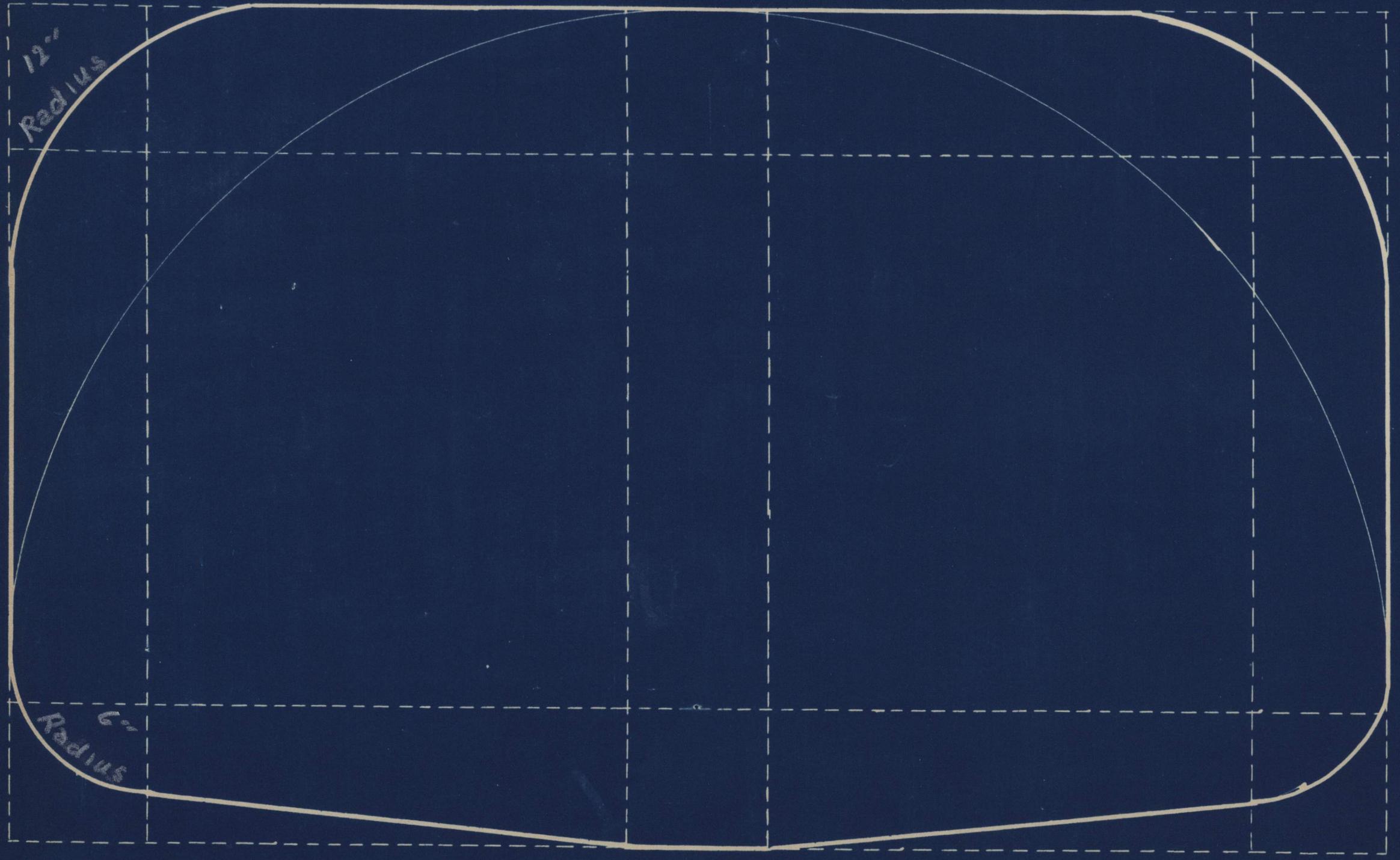
Thanks for the interest shown in our product.

Very truly yours,

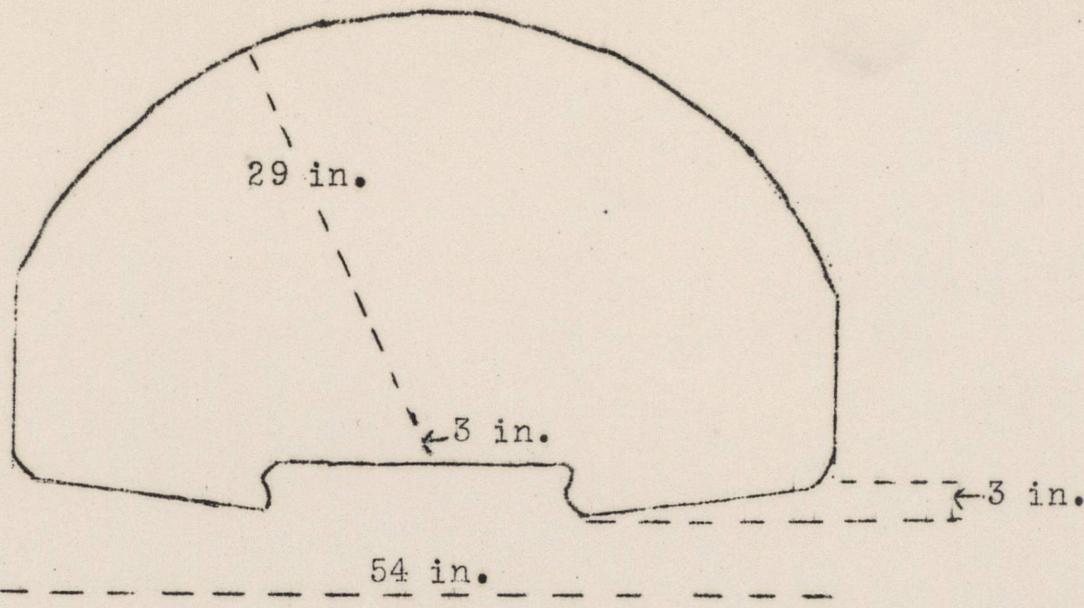
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COMPLETE MINUTES
 1940
 MEETING OF THE
 NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
 OF THE
 UNITED STATES AND CANADA
 HELD AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
 MARCH 30TH AND 31ST

INCLUDING
 PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF THE
 MORE IMPORTANT RULE CHANGES
 SYNOPSIS OF SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
 AND
 PERSONNEL OF 1940-1 STANDING COMMITTEES

N. U. Porter

 Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Hotel Continental, Kansas City, Missouri

March 30th and 31st, 1940

Members Present:

Representing the N.C.A.A.

F. C. Allen.....University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Forrest Cox.....Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado
Sumner A. Dole.....Connecticut State College, Storrs, Connecticut
C. S. Edmundson.....University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
H. G. Olsen.....Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Curtis Parker.....Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
J. W. St. Clair.....Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
H. Jamison Swarts.....University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn.

Member at Large:

Oswald Tower.....Andover, Massachusetts

Representing the National Federation

Frank P. Maguire.....46 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
G. Warren Phillips.....High School, Hebron, Indiana
H. V. Porter.....11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois
Floyd A. Rowe.....Board of Education, Cleveland, Ohio

Representing the Y.M.C.A.

John Brown, Jr.....347 Madison Avenue, New York, New York
J. Mark Good.....Sun-Gazette Company, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
E. J. Hickox.....Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts

Representing the Canadian A.B.A.

A. H. Jefferess.....114 Carrick Ave., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Representing the Canadian I.A.U.

L. H. Davies.....University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., Canada
(Alternate for Mr. Crocker)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
OF UNITED STATES AND CANADA HELD ON MARCH 30 and 31,
1940, AT HOTEL CONTINENTAL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The 1940 annual meeting of the National Basketball Committee was held at the Hotel Continental, Kansas City, Missouri, on March 30th and 31st, 1940.

General Plan of Sessions

The sub-committees met in informal session at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, March 30th. The formal session opened at 10:00 A.M. Sessions were held on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The Committee members were guests of the National Collegiate Athletic Association at the final National Collegiate tournament game on Saturday night. The Sunday session was concluded at 1:00 P.M.

Saturday Morning Session

Since the National Collegiate Athletic Association had chosen to appoint other representatives to replace past Chairman H. H. Salmon and past Vice-Chairman John Bunn, the session was opened by the Treasurer, Floyd A. Rowe.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE authorized the seating of members as listed.

It was unanimously voted that the Secretary enter in the minutes of the meeting an expression of appreciation for the fine services rendered by past Chairman H. H. Salmon, past Vice-Chairman John Bunn and member M. C. Cunningham.

The acting Chairman then asked the wishes of the group relative to the election of officers. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that in view of the unusual circumstances, a slate of officers be elected at the beginning of the meeting to serve through the current meeting and the 1941 meeting. The Chairman appointed a Nominating Committee, made up of J. W. St. Clair, H. G. Olsen and A. H. Jefferess. After due deliberation, the Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officers as follows:

Chairman: Floyd A. Rowe
Vice-Chairman: F. C. Allen
Secretary: H. V. Porter
Treasurer: H. Jamison Swarts
Editor: Oswald Tower

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee called the attention of the group to the fact that members were urged to make additional nominations from the floor in case they had other preferences. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the proposed slate of officers. This was done.

F. C. Allen issued a formal invitation in behalf of the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the members to attend the final game of the National Collegiate tournament on Saturday night and distributed tickets to the members with the compliments of the tournament management.

REPORT OF SECRETARY: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed. Since the meeting was running behind schedule the Secretary confined his report to brief comments on preparations which had been made for the meeting and the general plan which the officers hoped to follow during the meeting. The fact was brought out that the Editor and Secretary had spent several days prior to the meeting in going over all correspondence relating to rules matters and in outlining possible

places where the code of rules might be improved through slight changes in wording or arrangement. As one of the outcomes of this preliminary work, a mimeographed sheet of suggestions was supplied to each member of the committee and this served as a guide for much of the discussion in the last session.

Reports from National Groups

NATIONAL FEDERATION BASKETBALL COMMITTEE: A committee representing the National Federation administrators, coaches and officials made its report. The committee was made up of E. A. Thomas, Kansas, Lyle Quinn, Iowa, O. L. Webb, Nebraska, George Brown, Iowa and Lee Anderson, Oklahoma. The Chairman reported that delegates representing the various state high school basketball committees had met on the preceding night and after canvassing sentiment in their own localities and thoroughly discussing various phases of the rules, they made the following recommendations:

1. That the modified backboard as outlined by the National Basketball Committee last year for experimental use be made optionally legal. It was understood that this was to be in accordance with the statement which appeared on the National Basketball questionnaire.
2. That five personal fouls be permitted before the disqualification of a player.
3. That one full three-minute overtime be required following a tie game and that the sudden death method be used after this first full period of three minutes.
4. That no change be made relative to the rule concerning what constitutes a legal ball unless it should be a reduction in the limits of bouncing reaction.
5. That, after the calling of a foul, a definite time limit be made during which an option might be exercised. The committee preferred that this time be when the ball is placed at the disposal of the free thrower.

CHARTERED BOARDS OF OFFICIALS: Dr. John Brown reported for this group. His report included the statement that this organization had had a healthy growth during the past season and that there had been a satisfactory response from the group on the annual questionnaires and in reports which had been sent directly to the Secretary from various local boards. These recommendations were incorporated in the mimeographed sheet headed "Comments from Questionnaire" and in the reports made by the Games Administration Committee and the Questionnaire Committee. In addition to these, he reported that it was the general opinion of the group that greater emphasis should be placed on the necessity for enforcing the rule which requires an extra free throw for any deliberate foul. He also recommended that attention be given to the continued improvement of the section of the rules which deals with timing and scoring.

REPORT OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE: Chairman F. C. Allen reported on work which had been done by the Research Committee. Much of this work was related to problems which are covered in other actions of the Joint Committee and had a considerable influence on these final actions. The work included investigation relative to the proposed smaller backboard, the best bouncing reaction of a basketball, statistical reports relative to the various phases of the game and data relative to the amount of time a player is in actual rapid motion. A mimeographed report of a comprehensive study made of this latter problem was supplied each member of the committee.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: Sumner Dole, Oswald Tower and H. V. Porter reported respectively for the Games Administration, Publications and Questionnaire Committees. Mr. Dole's report included a number of definite recommendations relative to stan-

standardizing officiating procedure and relative to the improvement of timing and scoring conditions. These recommendations had an influence on later action which was taken by the Committee in definitely specifying certain time limits and certain procedures in connection with officiating. There will be a page in the supplementary section of the guide which will list and discuss the various proposed improvements in these matters. It was the sentiment of the Committee that ultimately the rules should probably provide for a checker or supervisor of matters pertaining to timing and scoring and that there should then be only one official timer and one official scorer.

THE PUBLICATIONS AND QUESTIONNAIRE REPORTS were confined to an analysis of the work which had been done and to the apparent sentiment as shown by the questionnaire results.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES: The recommendations of the National Association of Basketball Coaches were presented by Don White, Basketball Coach, University of Connecticut. It was recommended that all suggestions for radical rules revision be submitted to the proper committees for exhaustive study, research and report before being considered for adoption, with the exception of the following:

1. In case of a technical foul, the offended team has the choice of ball or foul shot (foul shot to be played as in a personal foul). Coaches Vote: 34-6
2. That the Rules Committee adopt a standard ball for all intercollegiate competition. The coaches prefer the brown leather laceless ball with rubber valve, eight panels and stitched seams; the ball to be 29 1/2" in circumference and to be inflated to 13 lbs. pressure. Coaches Vote: 34-28
3. Recommends positive clarification of the rule governing handling of the ball by officials on out of bounds plays on which the offensive team receives the ball in its fore court. Carried unanimously
4. Recommends the adoption of a rule requiring home teams to wear white uniform jerseys and visiting teams to wear colored uniform jerseys. It is also recommended that the jerseys of the playing squad be numbered consecutively upward from three. Carried unanimously.
5. Recommends that no conference or organization of college basketball teams shall conduct its contests under rules or interpretations thereof at variance with those in the playing code except for the purposes of research on express authority of the National Rules Committee. Carried unanimously

1940-1 RULE MODIFICATIONS

The Committee carefully considered all recommendations from the various groups, the results of the questionnaire and all other information which had been gathered by the sub-committees. In every case action was taken after a motion regularly made, seconded and carried. In nearly all cases the adoption was by unanimous vote. In no case was any important change made with less than a three-fourths majority. The more important actions of the committee relative to rule changes are included on the appended sheets entitled "Summary of Major Changes". This summary was made up for the convenience of members who desired early and authentic information following the meeting. Other actions of the committee follow this preliminary summary.

Further Study Authorized

The Committee authorized further study in connection with several proposals which seemed to meet with the unofficial approval of the Committee.

1. The QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE is to further study the matter of allowing a substitution any time the ball is dead. A test vote (unofficial) indicated almost unanimous approval of ultimate adoption of this proposal.

Further study is also to be made of the proper bouncing reaction of a ball.

2. The GAMES ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE is to further study the possibility of using a checker with one scorer and one timer. This Committee was also directed to give consideration to the proposal that in all cases of substitution an official go to the scorer's bench where the substitution will be completed.
3. The RESEARCH COMMITTEE is to further study the possibilities in the proposal to permit five personal fouls before disqualification. They are also to give consideration to the proposal which would require that after a successful goal, the ball be given to the proper team out of bounds at mid-court in order to insure a few seconds delay between the scoring of a goal and the putting of the ball in play. Another problem that is to receive consideration is the matter of alleged rough play in the last few minutes of a game and which is attributed to the right to waive a free throw.

Business Meeting

Editor Oswald Tower called attention to the need for pictures of the members of the Committee. He asked that each member be responsible for submitting a picture at an early date and also the submission of proper name and initials. He also asked that each constituent organization name a man who is to be responsible for passing upon the suitability of material to be included in the almanac section of the guide.

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Committee voted Oswald Tower the usual honorarium of five hundred dollars for the current year. It was also voted to contribute ten dollars to the Hotel Continental Employee's Fund or to any similar fund designated by the hotel management.

Treasurer Floyd A. Rowe distributed copies of the financial statement and gave the treasurer's report. The report was approved and ordered filed.

On motion of Sumner Dole and seconded by J. W. St. Clair, the following resolution was unanimously voted:

WHEREAS the position of Treasurer of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada was filled by the election of H. Jamison Swarts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, therefore be it

RESOLVED that H. Jamison Swarts is hereby authorized to issue checks against the account of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, heretofore standing in the name of Floyd A. Rowe, Treasurer.

His report included the statement that there was some question as to whether the funds apportioned to the Y.M.C.A. should be ten percent of the gross income of the Committee or ten percent of the net income. Acting upon information which came from various sources the Treasurer reported that he had sent the Y.M.C.A. an amount equal to ten percent of the net income and that the Y.M.C.A. authorities claimed that they should receive ten percent of the gross income.

After full discussion of the matter, it was voted that for the current year the Treasurer send check to the Y.M.C.A. for half of the difference between ten percent of the net income and ten percent of the gross income. It was the understanding of the Committee that procedure in the future will depend upon action in connection with the constitution which is now being considered and which will be acted upon at the next annual meeting.

This proposed constitution was distributed to all members several weeks in advance of the meeting. Because of inadequate time to carefully consider each provision, it was voted that the Committee temporarily operate under it with the exception of Article XI which deals with the method of distributing funds, but that no formal action relative to adoption be taken. It was the sentiment of the Committee that action on the proposed constitution should be one of the first matters to be considered at next year's meeting.

By unanimous action a vote of thanks was tendered to the officers who planned and directed the activities of the 1940 meeting and to the National Collegiate tournament management for their courtesy in inviting the members to be guests at the National Collegiate tournament.

After discussing the most desirable time and place of the 1941 meeting, it was voted to authorize the Executive Committee to decide this matter after adequate information relative to other related events is made available.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, March 31st.

Signed:

N. U. Porter

NOTE: If any member desires to suggest changes or additions, he should notify the secretary at an early date.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Floyd A. Rowe, Chairman
F. C. Allen, Vice-Chairman
H. V. Porter, Secretary
H. Jamison Swarts, Treasurer
Oswald Tower, Editor
J. W. St. Clair

Publication Committee

Oswald Tower, Chairman
J. H. Crocker
Sumner A. Dole
F. P. Maguire
H. V. Porter
H. Jamison Swarts

Games Administration Committee

Sumner A. Dole, Chairman
John Brown, Jr.
C. S. Edmundson
G. Warren Phillips
H. Jamison Swarts

Questionnaire Committee

H. V. Porter, Chairman
F. C. Allen
Forrest Cox
J. Mark Good
A. H. Jefferess
F. P. Maguire
Oswald Tower

Research Committee

F. C. Allen, Chairman
L. H. Davies
C. S. Edmundson
E. J. Hickox
H. G. Olsen
H. V. Porter

NOTE TO MEMBERS: This is a preliminary statement of the major actions of the Committee at their annual meeting at Kansas City, Missouri, on March 30th and 31st. This is issued for your convenience and for the purpose of giving the press some needed information. The detailed actions of the Committee will be included in the complete minutes which will be sent to each member as soon as they can be made ready.

H. V. PORTER, Secretary

Court Diagram. No change is to be made in the diagram of the court. It will be made clear that during a free throw the player who occupies the space marked H or V is entitled to the entire space from the first alley mark to the end line.

Rule 2. The smaller streamlined backboard which was outlined for experimental purposes by the Committee last year will be legal at the option of the home team. The new style board will be as outlined on page 47 of the Interscholastic Edition of the 1939-40 basketball guide. It will have an over-all width of 54 inches, the top will be an arc having a radius of 32 inches. The lower edge of the board directly behind the ring will be on a level with the ring. Directly under the extreme left and right edges of the ring, the board will extend downward three inches below the ring and from that point the lower edge will slope upward to the corners of the board which will be on a level with the ring. The edges of the board at each side will be perpendicular to the floor and will extend upward until they meet the arc which forms the top border. The board will contain no sharp corners or edges.

This board will be considered legal wherever the management may choose to use it. It should be understood that no organization will be compelled to make the change. It is felt that no team will be handicapped by practicing on one type board and playing on the other. The new board will have a plane surface, the same as the old. The part which has been eliminated has been waste space for many years and, because of more recent changes in the game, has become a detriment to free use of all the playing space. It is suggested that when an organization chooses to keep its present backboards and finds that they will play some of their games on courts having the new board, the unused space on the traditional board be blocked out with a dark paint to give the target the same appearance as that of the new type board.

Rule 4. The rule relative to the size, color and reaction of a legal ^{ball} will remain exactly as it was last year. The questionnaire which was nationally circulated indicates an overwhelming satisfaction with the present ball situation. Any difference in opinion relative to which of the various types of official balls is most satisfactory is a healthy condition which will result in continued improvement of equipment and ultimate use of the best.

Rule 5-3. Several minor changes were made in connection with the proper time and method for making substitutions. A substitution will be permitted any time the watch is not running except during the interval between the time the ball is placed at the disposal of a free thrower and the time the free throw is successful or unsuccessful. It will also be permitted any time the ball is dead with the watch running except after a field goal.

Rule 5-6. It is strongly recommended that players be numbered consecutively beginning with the number 3 and that ranking players wear the lower numbers. It will also be prescribed that wherever possible, the home team wear suits of a light color and the visitors suits of a dark color.

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Rule 6-2, 11 and 12. Slight changes have been made in these rules which deal with timing and scoring in an attempt to eliminate some of the irregularities which have been common in connection with these important matters. Comments by the Games Administration Committee will emphasize a trend toward the use of a checker or supervisor who will be primarily responsible for these matters and who will be assisted by one Official Timer and one Official Scorer.

Rule 7. Several changes in wording and arrangement will be made in an attempt to modernize this rule. The Editors are authorized to provide for consistent rules relative to cases where the ball touches or is touched by a player who is on or outside a boundary line. An attempt will be made to place the responsibility for causing the ball to go out of bounds on the player who is himself out of bounds before touching the ball.

Rule 8-1. In high school or junior high school games, an automatic time-out is to be declared in the middle of the second and fourth quarter, provided neither team has taken a charged time-out during the first four minutes of these quarters. This official's time-out is to be of two minutes duration.

Rule 9-3. When a high school game ends in a tie, one overtime period of three minutes duration will always be played. Thereafter the sudden death method of breaking a tie will be used.

Rule 9-4 and 5. When a game is forfeited, the score at the time of forfeiture will be considered the official score in cases where it would be to the disadvantage of the offended team to have the score declared 2-0.

Rule 10-1-Note to Officials. When the ball is awarded to a team out of bounds from its front court, the Official must have actual possession of the ball and then hand it to the proper player.

Rule 13-1 and 2. These sections will be brought up to date and a definite procedure for the Official when a foul is called will be prescribed. Also the rule relative to who shall make the free throw will be made consistent in cases where an injured player is to leave the game, or a player is illegally in the game, or a player is disqualified on the play. In such cases, the substitute will be expected to attempt the free throw.

Rule 14-2. If a free thrower who is attempting a throw for a technical foul steps over the line too soon, the point shall not be counted and whether the throw is successful or unsuccessful, the ball will be awarded to the free thrower's team out of bounds at mid-court.

Rule 14-11. This section will be rewritten to include the provision relative to the use of the restraining circles during jumps and the interpretation of the rule will be to the effect that a player may not jump through the cylinder above the circle before the ball has been tapped by a jumper.

Rule 15-12. In Penalty (a) a new question and answer or an addition to the Rule Comments will give more specific information as to what constitutes a "foul from behind".

In penalty (b) the provision for the extra free throw for a deliberate foul will be further emphasized.

In penalty (d) the right to waive a free throw will exist only until the ball has been placed at the disposal of the free thrower. A definite procedure will be outlined for the referee's duties relative to this matter.

Comments. The comments will include the recommendation of the National Basketball Coaches Association that no conference adopt rules which deviate from the official rules except in cases where such modifications are authorized by the National Committee for experimental purposes. Also a 98-foot court for college play will be legalized in those cases where it is impractical for the local management to use the four-foot end line without making the court longer than the previously authorized 94 feet.

The Editor and Secretary were authorized to make certain changes in wording or arrangement for purposes of clarification or amplification.

Additional Action on Rule Modifications

On the sheet marked "Possible Improvements in Wording, etc." the following action was taken:

The Committee rejected the suggestions which bear the following reference numbers: Page 2 (Diagram), 4-1, 2nd paragraph of 5-3, last sentence of 5-3, second paragraph of 6-12, 13-6 and 14-10-Note. In all other cases the Editor and Secretary were authorized to make the needed changes. In a few cases the suggestions were authorized in a modified form. These modifications are as follows:

6-3. In this section "approve" is to replace "announce". (This item was not included on the mimeographed sheet.)

6-11. The second paragraph is to be slightly modified to read: "And it should not be blown for substitutions after the ball has been placed at the disposal of the free thrower."

6-12. The second question is to be omitted. The matter is to be taken care of by inserting "and its operator" at the end of the second sentence of Rule 6-2.

The fourth paragraph of the suggestions under 6-12 was definitely approved by Committee action.

9-4 and 5. A question and answer in the rule book or the play situations book is to make it clear that in the case of a forfeited game the scoring records are to be counted.

15-12-Penalty (a). An attempt is to be made to emphasize three factors in connection with the foul against the shooter, i.e., the act of being roughly handled, committing a deliberate act and committing a foul from directly behind the shooter.

POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN WORDING OR ARRANGEMENT
SUGGESTED BY EDITOR AND SECRETARY

PAGE 2 (DIAGRAM). Insert alley marks under backboard.

1-5. last paragraph. Change second and third lines to: "shall be marked and lettered on the free throw lanes as in the diagram". Omit remainder.

4-1. Consider changing limits in ball tolerance.

5-3. Make second line of first question read: "He has reported to the Scorers and to an Official."

Consider allowing player to withdraw or enter before play has been resumed.

In last question change "several" to "three or more". Another alternative is to have no line-up of players.

6-8. Take out in Section 8 "same play" (used twice).

6-11. In seventh line insert "and its coach" after "team".

Add to last paragraph "and it should not be blown after the ball has been placed at the disposal of the free thrower".

Authorize rulings on situations related to the first question.

6-12. In fourth paragraph third line should be: "or permission for a substitute to enter the court".

Should watch start immediately if ball misses ring?

Second Question: This may be out of date.

Change answer to first question. Coach can no longer ask official and should not be permitted to bother Timer.

RULE 7. Make all definitions consistent in wording.

Section 3. Omit last question.

Section 5. Omit.

Section 6. Should read: "Own basket is the one for which a team is throwing". Also should become Section 5.

Present Section 21 should become Section 6.

Section 7. First line should read "The ball becomes dead, etc."

When does ball cease to be dead?

Is ball in play during free throw?

g Should read: "After each free throw following a double foul or technical foul;"

j should read: "After each free throw of a multiple throw, except when the last such throw awarded for a personal foul is unsuccessful."

Question and answer might cover influence of touching of ball before field goal in cases such as where it is passed from out of bounds.

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7-7-Note. Phrase "play continues as if the ball had not touched him" (last sentence) does not apply at division line.

Section 12. Omit note.

Section 11-1st Q. Remove "or blocking"

Section 15. Make more specific. What if one foul calls for two throws?

Section 13. Omit last sentence "Technical fouls, etc."

Section 20. Should this be "overtime"?

Section 27. In third line substitute "nearer" for "front".

8-1. This should read: "The game shall be started by a jump ball in the center circle, etc."

In the fourth paragraph, should the officials' time-out be compulsory?

8-5. Omit c.

8-6. In next to last line omit parenthetical statement. Note that this situation will be covered in 14-11.

In next to last line, where is ball out of bounds?

How can second question be justified by rule?

8-8. In next to last line of Note under (b) substitute "any player of that team" for "a teammate".

8-9. This should read "After a goal from the field, any opponent of the team credited with the score shall, etc."

NOTE: Make consistent with 10-1.

9-3. Use "extra period" or else "overtime" to be consistent.

In ninth line of second paragraph substitute "any extra" for "this".

9-4 and 5. Combine these two sections. Follow first sentence of 4 with "If no points have been scored or if the score is a tie or if the offending team is ahead, the score shall be 2 to 0 in favor of the offended team. If the offending team is behind, the score at the time of forfeiture shall stand."

Permit referee to declare current score the final score.

*** In eleventh line substitute "any" for "this". Use "overtime" consistently.

***Make question cover college games.

10-1-Note. Should last sentence be part of Rule 1?

The 2nd note should be in italics and rewritten:

10-2. Insert "by a jump" after "again" in last line.

No caps in "jump ball".

Last clause should read "the same players shall jump again at the same point".

11-1. Insert Q. and A.: "Ques. The scorer sounds his horn following a held ball. When should the Timer stop his watch?"

Ans. When the Official signals as provided in the fourth paragraph of Rule 6-12."

Note: "Thrown for goal" is included under "lost control".

13-1. Make this read: "When a foul has been called an Official shall immediately secure possession of the ball, take it to the free throw line and place it at the disposal of the player entitled to throw. During the free throw a player of the home team and of the visiting team respectively shall occupy the spaces marked H and V. Teammates are entitled to alternate spaces. In all free throws

Following technical fouls and double fouls, players shall not line up along the free throw lines unless such throw is to be followed by one after which the ball is in play (this is from Penalty under 14-7)."

Should waived throws be included?

13-2. Consider having substitute always throw free throw in cases of disqualification or injury. This whole section might be rewritten to cover double foul and multiple throws.

13-5. "Section 5. After a free throw, the ball shall be put in play, (a) by any opponent of the free thrower as after a field goal, if the throw is for a personal foul and if the free throw is successful, or (b) by any player of the free thrower's team from out of bounds at mid-court if the free throw is for a technical foul, whether or not the free throw is successful. If a multiple throw has been awarded, this applies only to the last free throw.

Ques. Following a personal foul by B, Team A elects to take the ball out of bounds at mid-court but before the ball is in play, a player of A commits a foul. How is play resumed?

Ans. By a jump ball at center.

Section 6. If a free throw following a personal foul is unsuccessful, the ball shall continue in play. If a multiple throw not involving a technical foul has been awarded, this applies only to the last throw. If any one of the throws is for a technical foul, it is attempted last and, whether successful or unsuccessful, the ball is awarded to the free thrower's team at mid-court.

Ques. A player is fouled in the act of throwing for goal, gets his goal and is awarded one free throw. If the free throw is unsuccessful, is the ball in play?

Ans. Yes.

Section 7. After the last free throw following a double foul, the ball shall go to center whether the last goal is successful or unsuccessful."

Provide for missed free throw.

13-6. Is second paragraph still okay?

In first question should violation annul both rights?

14-1. In second question answer should read: "No. Such recovery is a violation."

14-2-Penalty. Is last sentence satisfactory?

14-6-Penalty. This should be the same as penalty under Section 13.
Where does ball go in play?

14-7. Last sentence is now covered under 13-1.

Last sentence of first paragraph of penalty is covered under 13-1.

14-10-Note. Should other situations be included?

14-11. This should read: "During jump ball at center or elsewhere, enter the restraining circle before the ball is tapped; nor shall either jumper tap the ball, etc."

"until" should be "before".

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14-13. "Ring" should be substituted for "edge of".

Make clear that player may not touch net in certain circumstances.

13 and 14. Is "made or not" correct wording?

RULES 14 and 15. Should all violations and fouls be listed?

15-1-d and e. Should be interchanged.

15-1-Note. Should this include coverage for player being over restraining circle too soon.

15-3. This should read: "enter or leave the court, etc."

15-4. Second line should read: "Reported to the Scorers and Official has signalled him to enter."

15-9-Note. End sentence with "foul" in fourth line.

15-12. First Q. and A. should read: "Ques. Player A is flagrantly fouled by each of two opponents. How many free throws are awarded?"

Ans. Two free throws. This applies even if A is in the act of shooting."

15-12-Penalty (a). Is attempt at opponents' goal a try?

INDEX. Omit "face guarding".

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Mr. H. V. Porter,
11 S. LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

I have received your letter of the 18th instant addressed to the members of the Executive Committee, and I heartily approve of your plan. I shall be glad to receive one of the blueprints of the smaller backboard as soon as they are made up.

Very sincerely yours,

Vice Chairman, National Basketball Committee.

FCA:AH

April 18, 1940

To Members of Executive Committee
National Basketball Committee:

Messrs. Floyd A. Rowe
F. C. Allen
H. Jamison Swarts
Oswald Tower
J. W. St. Clair

Gentlemen:

This letter is written to insure a definite understanding relative to the dimensions of the smaller backboard which was legalized at the last meeting. I am sure there is no question about the general size and shape of the board but we ought to have a definite understanding about some of the minor details. I do not desire to assume unwarranted authority in this matter, but it is essential that schools and manufacturers have definite information relative to detailed dimensions. I have already had many inquiries from schools and from manufacturers.

Here are the dimensions as I understand the wishes of the Committee. These have been checked with experimental boards which were in use the past season and, as far as I know, they are such as to facilitate ease of manufacture and maximum usability. If there is any question in your mind about any one of these dimensions, I wish you would let me have it by return mail. If I do not hear from you, I shall assume that these are the sanctioned dimensions.

1. The over-all width is 54 inches. The sides are to be straight lines perpendicular to the floor. The lower corners are on a level with the ring. The top is the arc of a circle with a radius of 29 inches and with a center three inches above the level of the ring. The board is to extend three inches below the level of the ring at the extreme outside edges of the ring. The part behind the ring is to be cut out to as near eighteen inches in width as it can be made and still leave a regular curve to avoid any sharp corners on the lower edge of the board. ~~The will make~~ straight edges at the sides of the board ^{all} approximately 13 3/4 inches in length. All corners and edges are to be slightly rounded.

This is the board which was sanctioned by mail vote of the Committee for experimental purposes after the 1939 meeting.

Unless I receive suggestions to the contrary, I will have blue prints made up along these lines and supply each member of the Committee.

Yours truly,

N. U. Porter

Secretary

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