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Dear Mr. Allen:

I hope you will pardon the couple of days delay in my answer to your recent letter. However, I note that your letter is dated January 9th, which is today, so possibly no apology is necessary.

I am very much interested in your comments relative to the alternate black and white method of marking the lines and hope that further study will be made.

Along with this, I think we might very well interest ourselves in a study of lighting conditions. We have made recommendations relative to height of ceiling, size of floor, etc., but no attention has officially been given the matter of what constitutes proper floor lighting. It seems to me that it should be possible to determine what constitutes the most desirable amount and type of light for the basketball court. If there is some way of measuring this, a statement in the rule book would be very helpful.

I note your comment about the fan shaped backboard. We have many coaches giving consideration to this matter and some of them are still collecting statistics. Of the various forms which were proposed, the fan shaped board with the lower edges sloping upward seems to be the more popular type. We do not yet have enough statistics to warrant drawing definite conclusions relative to the advantages and disadvantages but early returns and comments do indicate rather conclusively that from one-third to one-half of the present board is practically useless. Within the next couple of months I hope to have enough statistics to indicate some of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed new shape.

Yours truly,

H. V. Porter

Secretary

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dated Jan. 4