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Stanford University,
California.
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Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Chairman,
Research Committee, National Basketball Committee,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I was very much interested in your letter of April 24 and the report enclosed. I think the more such studies that can be made the better, and I believe that one of the finest things the N.C.A.A. can do, as soon as it is financially in a position to do so, is to encourage and support research of this sort. Such studies should be given as wide circulation as possible, and perhaps the chief function of the N.C.A.A. in connection with such matters, would be to serve as a clearing house for dissemination of such studies and to give financial support to them where possible. In other words, we do not wish to supplant the work already being effectively done by other organizations, such as the Basketball Rules Committee is conducting, or as the Coaches Associations may want to undertake. There might be, for example, something in a study made by the Football Coaches, which would contribute a good deal to the basketball situation. Properly coordinated the work of the various groups could be made available to all the others.

These are simply ideas for discussion and consideration. The suggestion that representatives of the Basketball Committee meet with the Executive Committee for discussion of some of our problems has met a fine response from the Executive Committee. I do not know as yet when our next meeting will be, but I will keep this matter in mind and see that the suggestion is carried out in the near future.

I appreciate your letter very much and am fully aware that the coaches, through their associations are doing excellent work in solving the problems connected with their games.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. B. Owens, President.