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Mr. James H. Raport,
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Dear Mr. Raport:

Thank you for your very interesting letter of April 11th. I have been thinking along these lines and some additional lines.

While at San Francisco, Dr. McDonough of the Kentucky State Teachers College, who is president of the Health and Physical Education section which met at Tulsa this year, came to me and said, "I have been watching your basketball films made by Eastman, and I have also watched your work in coaching basketball, and you are the only coach that touches the kinesiology of basketball in your fundamentals."

I thought that we could hook up your thought of the psychology of teaching and coaching games and sports with the kinesiology. In other words, we could use the proper psychological basis as well as the proper anatomical and physiological set-up. If you will get one of my books and read the section on the proper holding of the ball with the hand in shooting both the free throws and the push shots you will remember that I emphasize that the thumb should be carried along in a normal position of the hand, rather than the thumb thrown back on the ball. This movement "ties up" the palmar arch in such a way that normal extension of the hand is interfered with.

I would be glad to work with you on this basis and have you offer a course that in my opinion could branch out into the other sports in a very illuminating way.

I want you to know that I have every confidence in your qualifications to handle some of the theory courses in this department, and I am strongly in favor of giving you an opportunity at a very early date.

It may please you to know that at the budget committee conference your name was received very favorably by the men in the conference as a young man of promise. I might add that I