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Major John L. Griffith  
Commissioner, Big-Ten  
Hotel Sherman  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Major Griffith:

I have been asked by Don Elser, the Notre Dame athlete who coached here at St. Benedict's College with unusual success, and who is now teaching in the Horace Mann School in Gary, Indiana, to write you concerning his qualifications as a basketball official.

I am happy to say that we used Don Elser in several games for the past three years and we have found him an excellent official in this sport. He is alert, aggressive and commands respect of the members of both teams. His bearing on the court is pleasing and he is dominant, yet not in an irritating way. He runs the ball game yet he does not arouse resentment from the spectators or the players.

Don knows basketball and he knows how to officiate it. He has given very excellent service in our territory.

I am happy to write this testimonial regarding Don Elser's personality, efficiency and attitude on the court.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach

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