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Dear Dr. Allen:

Since my last letter to you I've been talking about N. U. basketball and Phog Allen. Some of the fellows, I found, are great basketball enthusiasts and were amazed and proud to know and talk to some one who knows the great Phog Allen.

Since that time they have been trying to get me to write you asking you to send out an old basketball you may have on hand so that we might play with it.

On these LST's we have quite a large tank deck and we plan to put a basket at each end of it. I will make an excellent court except that the ceiling will be a little low. Even to have a basketball court down under will be something. If you will look on page 48 of the December 20<sup>th</sup> issue of Life you'll see what the tank decks of one of these "floating bathtubs" looks like.

I would really appreciate it if you could rustle up an old basketball as we are all sorely in need of exercise and this is a good way to get it.

In the bond,  
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