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Dear Phog:

First of all, let me thank you for your dandy letter in regard to the information on basketball. I think you know me well enough to know that I don't kid people very much - that is, excepting when everybody knows it. What I am trying to say is that I really meant what I said about your being the best posted man in basketball in the United States, in my judgment.

I am coming to you for advice again, because I think that the affairs of the National Basketball Committee and their proper functioning are of more importance than the personal interest of any single member of the group.

Under date of September 27th, I wrote St. John, voicing my mind and displeasure at the way "June" Salmon failed to respond to correspondence. Under date of February 13th, I suggested a change in chairmanship of the committee another year, and said that Porter and myself, in talking the thing over, had agreed that you would be a highly satisfactory chairman, and further that because of your long years of service in basketball, you had the honor coming to you.

In response to that letter, Saint said he agreed with me thoroughly in that you would make an excellent chairman and that you had the honor coming to you. However, he went the next step and said that while he was for you and always had been, he felt that your election to the chairmanship might establish a precedent which should be discouraged - namely, that of having as chairman of the committee, an active basketball coach. I suggested to Saint that I would like to see either you or John Bunn elected chairman - probably Bunn, because of his being Vice Chairman, and of your being elevated to that position because of your long service in basketball.