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TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE:

At the last rules committee meeting, Saint expressed himself as wishing to be relieved of the responsibility of the chairmanship of the Basketball Rules Committee. We prevailed upon him to accept, and re-elected him, as you know.

Some time ago in private conversation, Saint rather intimated it was his honest desire to get out. However, sometimes people say those things without really meaning them, and I wanted to check up on it. Under date of January 18, I wrote Harold Olsen, Basketball Coach at Ohio State, and asked him to find out what Saint really wanted to do. I have a letter before me, written January 22, from "Olie" in which he says, in part, as follows,

"Saint really wants to be released of his basketball committee work. He has had 'enuf' and wants to 'take it a little easier'."

At another place in my letter to "Olie", I said that in case Saint really wanted to get out, I thought that I was only expressing the desire of the committee in saying that we would like to present him with a token which he would like to have, and which would be of service to him the remainder of his life. I indicated to Olie that we wouldn't be interested in going out and raising a large sum of money, but that we would want to do something that would please Saint. I am again quoting from Olie's letter,

"As to a memento of some kind to give Saint --- for a good many years he has had a wrist watch (an old 'Ohio Relays' trophy) - but that has about outlived its usefulness. I'm sure that a nice wrist watch, properly engraved, etc., would be a very welcome gift."