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Mr. Frank Root,
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Dear Frank:

Thank you for your very good letter of December 28. I have just returned from Des Moines where Drake gave us a licking up there and this is the first opportunity that I have had to answer your letter.

I notice by the morning papers that Colorado State took you last night. I am sorry about that, but I know the altitude has a lot to do with it, whether anyone admits it or not. Our boys have played out there and we just couldn't go after a certain length of time unless we took our men out and substituted for them and rested them. Then they were good for about five minutes, and again they went stale.

Frank, you kind of put me on the spot because it was my understanding that all of the coaches were to have the baskets installed unless in a case like Iowa State, where the backboards were not level enough on account of the braces running from the ceiling. You know, Iowa State's baskets are set way out in the court on account of the size of their gymnasium, and the engineers have had some difficulty in making the backboard rigid enough to hold that type of light on account of vibration.

I saw Louie Menze at Drake and he said that the engineers had worked out a way and they are installing the lights.

The Missouri Valley also installed them and Drake had theirs in place. Everybody liked them.

Now, of course, you would naturally expect me to interpret the motion as I did interpret it, but frankly it was not supposed to force anything down anybody's throat, but everybody wanted to use them if the other fellow would agree to them, and they all agreed. As I say, the only question was the Iowa State proposition.

Answering one point, as for the men tripping the lever, that could be done unless some fellow would intentionally jump up and pull it down. That would, of course, be a mean trick, but the referee would award the team shooting for the basket two points because the offending player would be interfering with a part of the basket. The trip arm is so fixed that it can not be pulled down by any player swinging his arms around after the ball.