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GULICK: Thanks, Jim! It'll help us a great deal, I know. (Fading) Of course I'll give you any help I can. (Door Slams)

(The Following should be rather disconnected, in the manner of NAI: talking to one's self: A verbal expression of thoughts passing through his mind) Might as well got right down and work it out. Let's see, now... Can't run with the ball, indoors....Hmmmmm.....I've got it! Whoever has the ball must stop and throw it: He can't run Might as well let the others run, though. Now...What kind of a ball to us...Football isn't the right shape...Won't bounce evenly...But the ball's got to be good sized ... Well then, why not use a soccer ball ... That's big enough. It's got to pass some sort of a goal What kind of goal would be best? In soccer and lacrosse, the harder the ball is thrown, the greater the chances of making a goal.....But a goal on the floor would be too easy to defend... I've got it! We could put a box up on the wall at each end of the court. A score would be made when the ball is tossed into the box! Combination of throwing and tossing will put plenty of variety in the game.... And it won't be rough.... Now, let's see.... How many are there in the class.... Sixteen...Seven....No, eighteen. That'll make nine men on a side. (Start Fading) I guess the best way to start it would be to toss the ball Rushing it might hurt somebody (10-Second Pause Fade In.)

NAI: (Door opens and Closes) Dr. Gulick. Look these papers over, and soo what you think of my new game. It might work out into something useful.

GULICK: WHAT? ... SO SOON? Well, let's see horo... (Paper crackles)

NAI: It needs considerable polishing up, I'm afraid. The custodian didn't have any boxes I could use for goals, so I got hold of some peach baskets and nailed them up for goals. They've just finished marking the floor on the gym.....

GULICK: Why, Naismith, you've really figured out a game here. This is just exactly the thing we've been looking for. Zip and action, with no danger to the players from roughness. (Rattles Paper) Let's go into the gymnasium and explain the rules to the boys. (Starts Fading) I want to see how this looks in action.

NAT: Yes sir. I started outlining the rules to some of the follows in class yesterday....

(Music Up Fade)

NARRATOR: And so the first game of basketball was played on the makeshift court of the Springfield, Massachusetts, YMCA...With peach-baskets for goals.

Every time a player made a goal, an official had to poke the ball out of the basket with a long pole, through a hole in the bottom of the