

October 1, 1938.

Mr. H. V. Porter, Secretary,  
National Basketball Committee,  
11 So. LaSalle Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 27th instant, enclosing diagrams of your suggestions for reducing the size of the backboard.

I like the two where the corners are cut off and the board sloped up. I don't believe there is enough difference in the one diagram where the four corners are cut off slightly to ever make the change.

I like your ideas, however, and hope you will feel free to carry on your researches. Let me have an occasional report on your progress. I will appreciate hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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Dear Mr. Allen:

In response to your letter of September 26th I am enclosing some rough drawings which might serve as a starter for experimental work along the line of backboards. Of course, there are a number of other possibilities but since it is necessary to start somewhere, these might serve as the starting point.

We will be in a position to do considerable experimental work along this line and will use these diagrams unless you have some modifications to suggest. We plan on proceeding along two lines. On some backboards the border space will be blacked out leaving only the section agreed upon in white paint. Records can then be kept as to the use which is actually made of the border surface and also the general effect on the player. In a few cases we will be able to have manual training departments make backboards of the designated size and shape and it will probably be possible to have games played with these boards where mutual consent of the two managers can be secured.

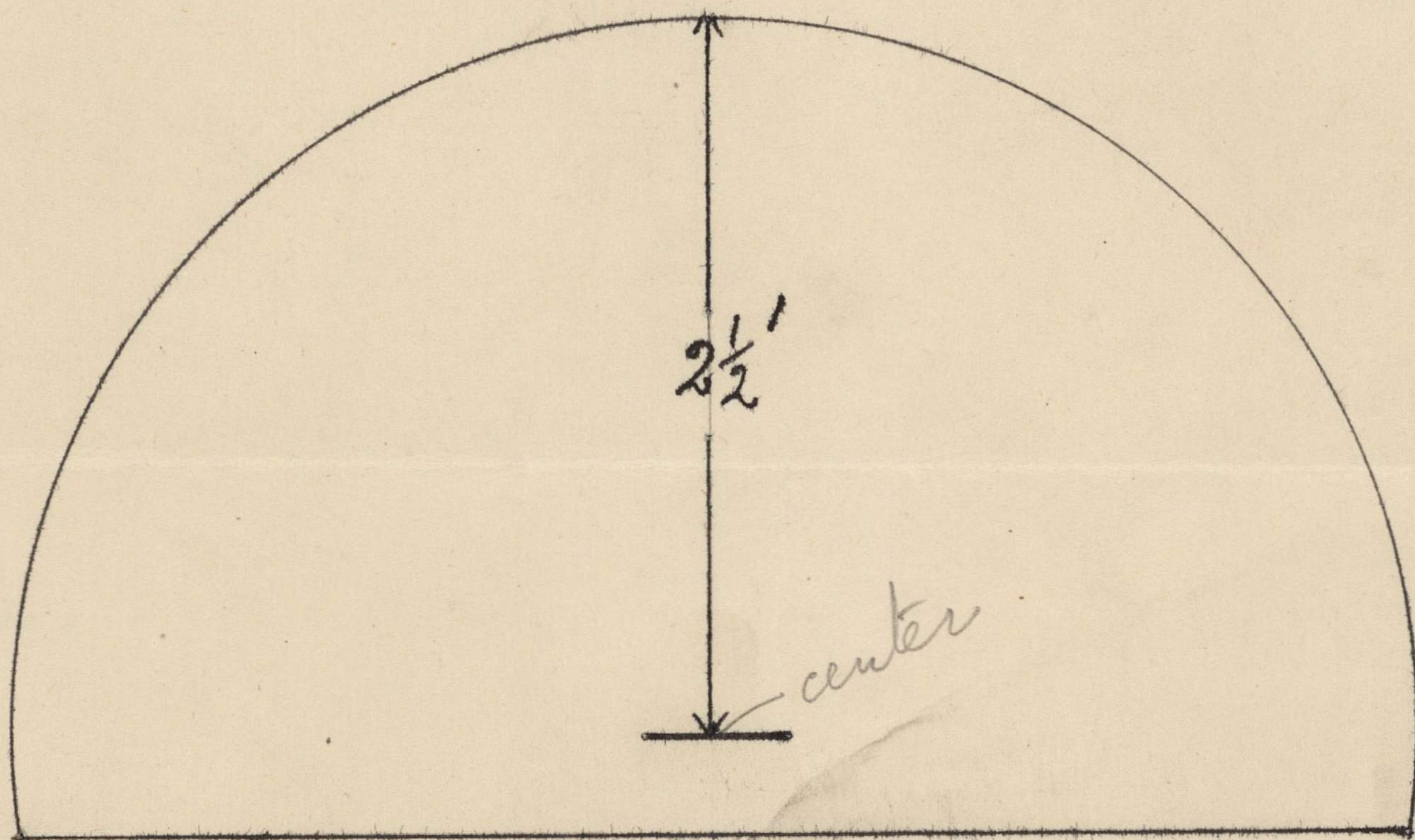
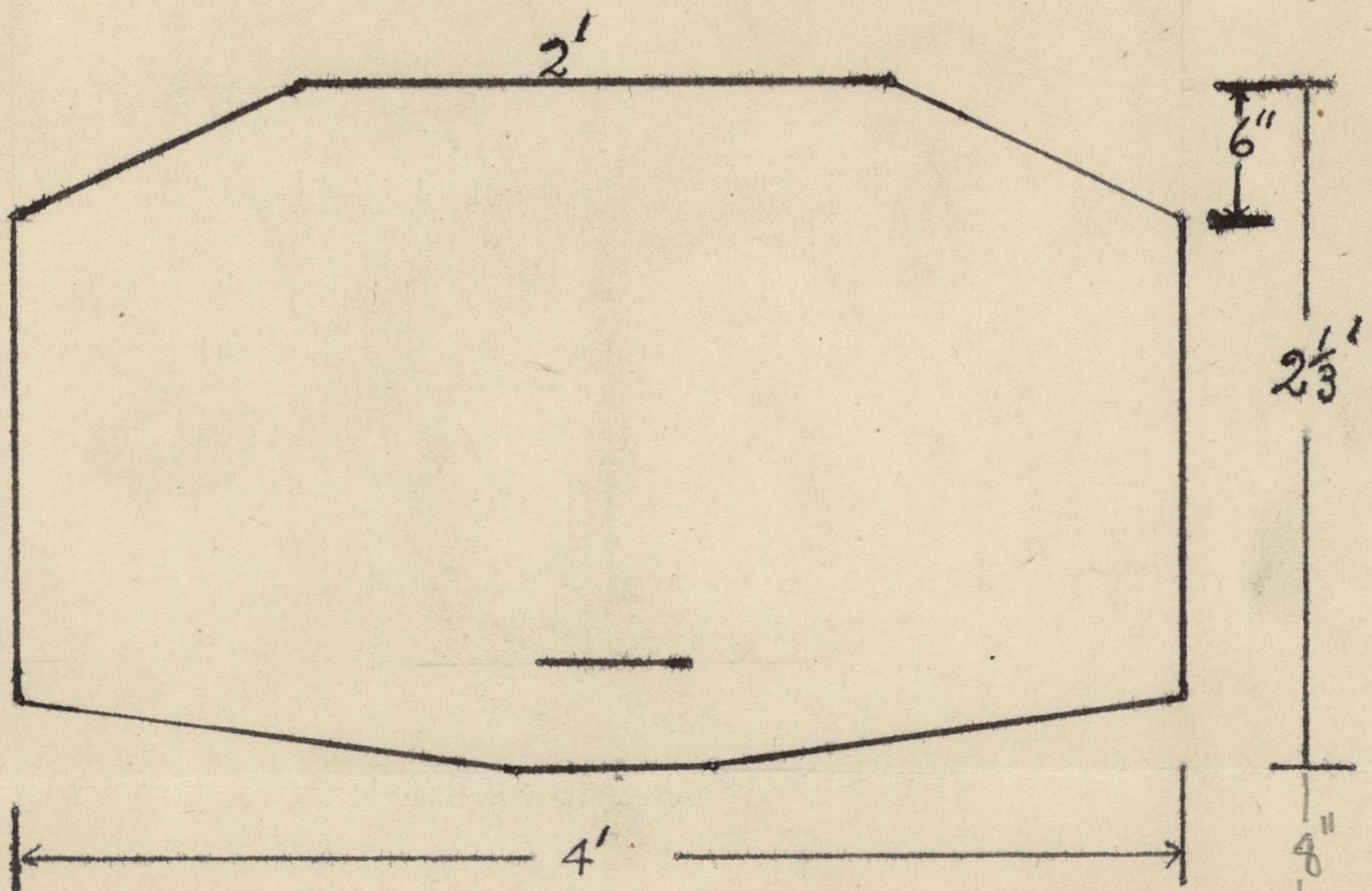
Let me have your reaction to the proposed designs.

Yours truly,

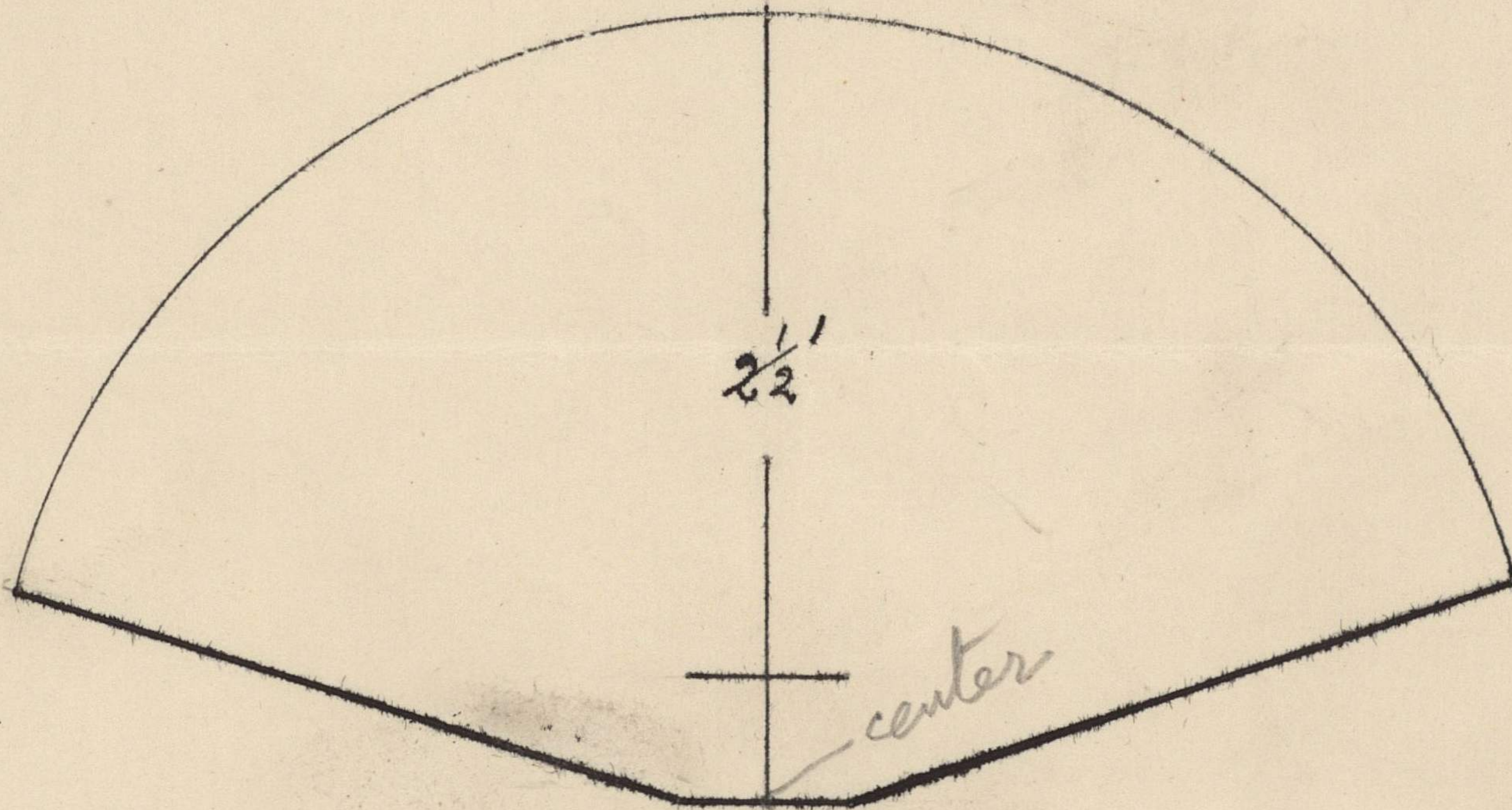
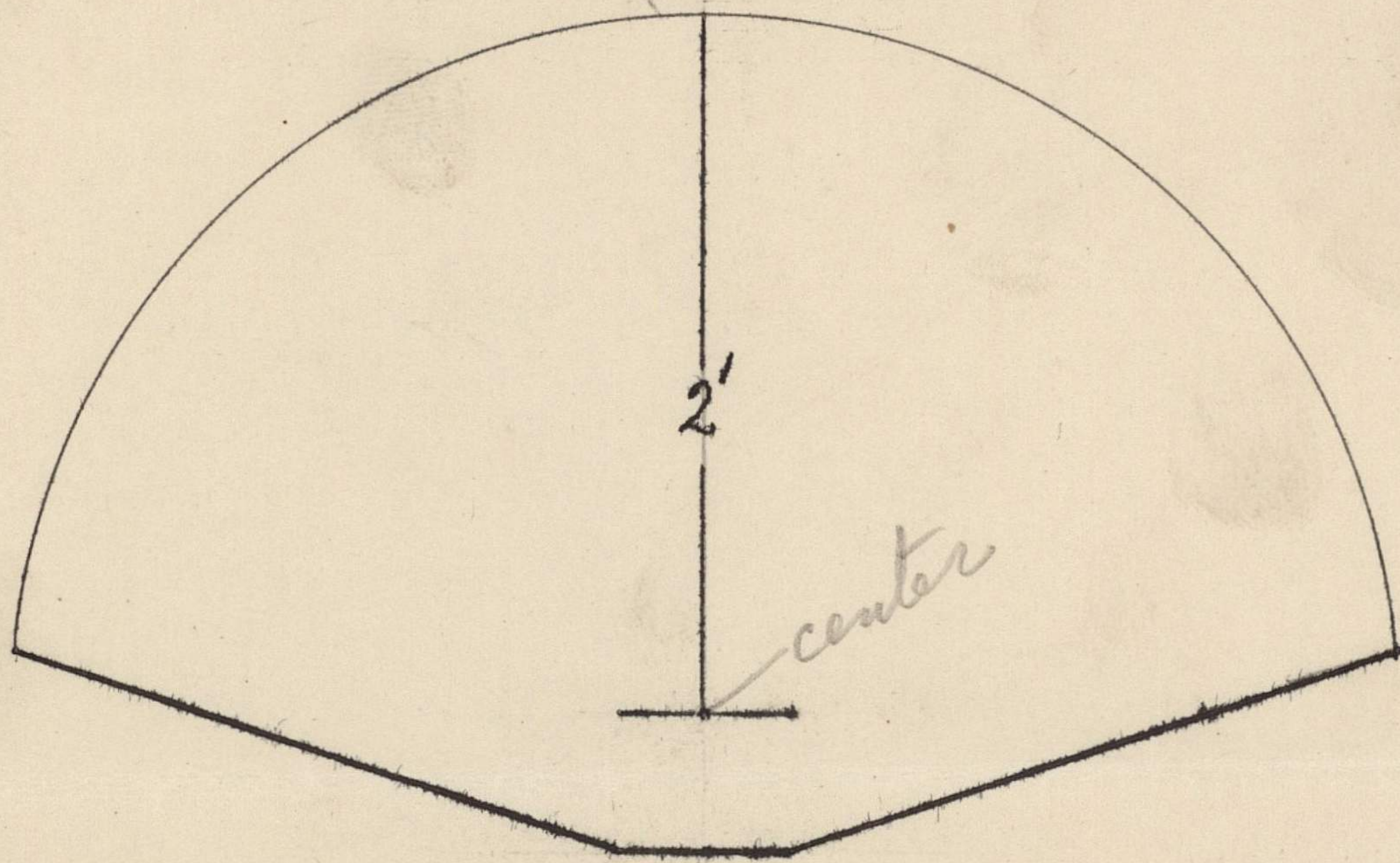
Secretary

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October 1, 1938.

Mr. L. E. Menze,  
Basketball Coach,  
Iowa State College,  
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Louie:

Thank you for your letter of September 27.

Mr. H. V. Porter, of Chicago, who is executive secretary of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, and a member of the Research Committee, is interested in reducing the size of the backboard. He feels that a fan-shaped board would do as well as a larger six-by-four board. This was his original idea, and I was just gathering data to submit to him.

There are a great many people who will not want to change the board, but those who want to will work out some sort of research problem which will be interesting, at least. These lower corners are cut off for the purpose of not obstructing the ball that is passed in from that area four feet back of the basket.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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September 27, 1938

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Director of P. E. and Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

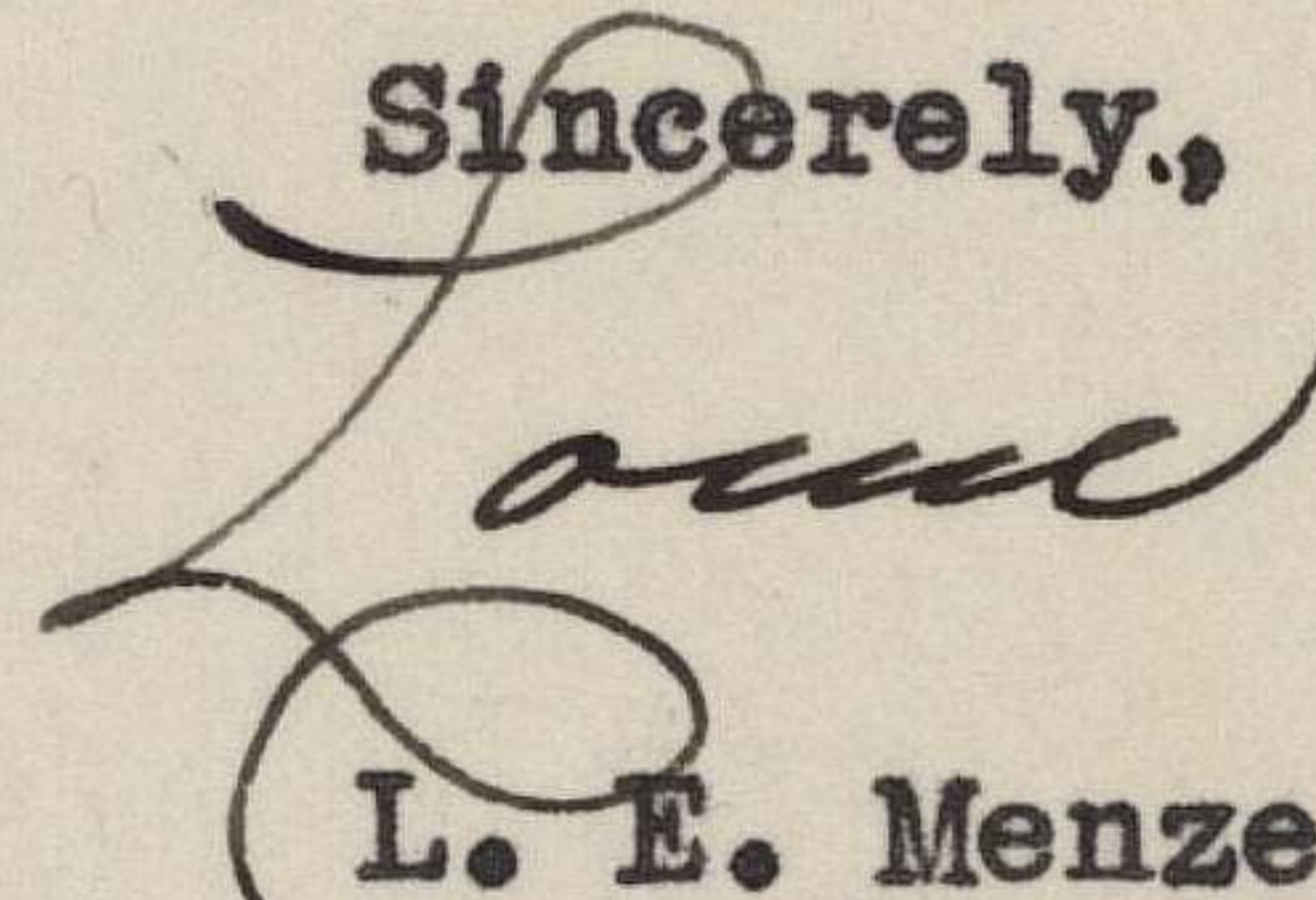
Dear Doc:

In reply to your letter of September 16 relative to the possible change in the shape of the backboard, I certainly would be in favor of some sort of uniformity in the construction of the backboard and the manner in which it is erected. Take, for example, our boards here--because of the fact that we have them suspended from the ceiling we have a difficult time making them rigid. As a result there is more play in our boards than there is in those which are attached to the walls. Just off hand I would say some sort of an arrangement whereby the boards are erected on a standard platform might be the answer for uniformity.

I don't see any objections in reducing the size of the board as I really don't think we need a board 6 feet long. I doubt, however, if the 4 foot dimension could be lessened very much. Because of the expense involved I just wonder if a reduction in size or shape would be worth while. I haven't given this matter a great deal of thought but these are my first reactions as I think about it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



L. E. Menze  
Basketball Coach

LEM:JH



September 30, 1938.

Mr. W. H. Browne,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Brownie:

Thank you for your letter of September 22.

Mr. H. V. Porter, of Chicago, who is executive secretary of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, and a member of the Research Committee, is interested in reducing the size of the backboard. He feels that a fan-shaped board would do as well as a larger six-by-four board. This was his original idea, and I was just gathering data to submit to him.

There are a great many people who will not want to change the board, but those who want to will work out some sort of research problem which will be interesting, at least. These lower corners are cut off for the purpose of not obstructing the ball that is passed in from that area four feet back of the basket.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
LINCOLN

DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 22, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 16th in regard to some experimentation to reduce the size and shape of the basketball backboard.

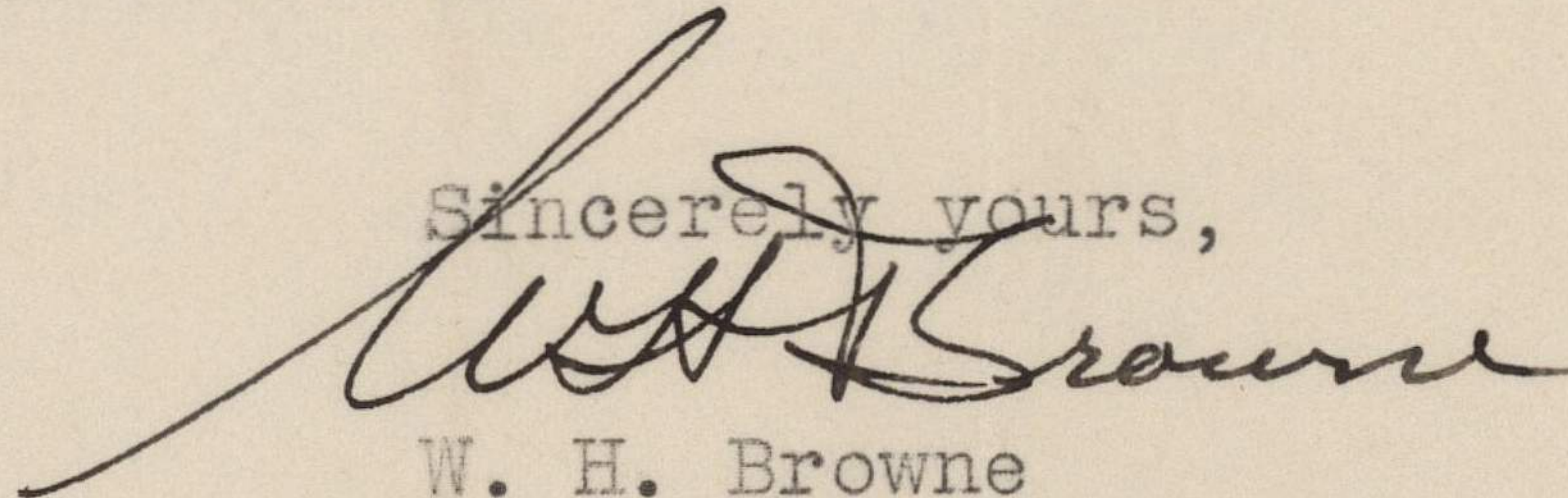
Personally, I am heartily in sympathy with any move to reduce the necessary construction around these goals, and possibly the reduction in size, in order that greater vision may be obtained from the ends of the court.

As you know, my association with the football team makes it practically impossible for me to hardly think basketball at this time of year. If you have any suggestions as to what some of the other schools are doing in the way of changing the shape and size of the goal and lessening the construction, I would appreciate your advising me, in order that I might give some thought to them.

I think it quite possible that the *Board* might be reduced in width as well as length and still get the maximum results in our shooting. This would lessen the wide end of the goal and make the construction much less.

If you have time to inform me as to what is being done, I will appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. Browne  
Head Basketball Coach

WHB:gt



September 26, 1938.

Mr. Bruce Drake,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd instant. Mr. H. V. Porter, of Chicago, who is executive secretary of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, and a member of the Research Committee, is interested in reducing the size of the backboard. He feels that a fan-shaped board would do as well as a larger six-by-four board.

The objection to the glass backboard is that Rules Committee says that the boards shall be painted white. That rule has been in for thirty years. When court construction was first started many of the sporting goods houses sold the glass backboards. The reflection of light on the glass and the fact that the glass was of different thicknesses, which made a different coloring effect, caused the Rules Committee to put in this mandatory ruling. It is still in. So I am afraid it would be a difficult matter to get that ruling out.

At any rate, I want to thank you for your good letter.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The University of Oklahoma  
Norman, Oklahoma

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September 23, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
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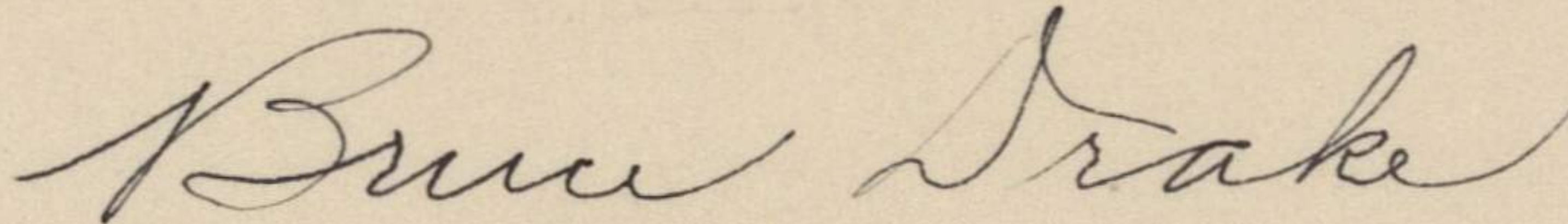
Dear Allen:

Your research on basketboards should bring together some interesting data in opinions. With the invention of this new Bask-O-lite and with the light so arranged that the spectators will register or react simultaneously with the shooting of the basket, we still seem to be at a distant point in bringing those spectators who find seats at the end of the court in a desirable focus of the play<sup>n</sup>field.

It might be that glass backboards would solve the problem, using as few supports as necessary to hold it rigid. With wood or steel backboards about all that we can use to increase the visibility directly behind the baskets would be to round the top of the backboards. I say the rounding because of the few times that the ball actually hits the corner of the backboard. Either this or by decreasing the dimensions all the way around. I personally would be in favor of anything reasonable that would make for better seats of the ones at either end of the courts.

Best of luck to you and continued success.

Sincerely yours,



Bruce Drake



September 26, 1938.

Mr. H. V. Porter,  
11 South LaSalle St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

I have written to a number of coaches regarding the reduction in the size of the backboard. None of the coaches have as well a defined idea toward the reduction of the board as you seem to have.

One of the coaches suggests the cutting off of the upper corners of the backboard, but I believe that you have a more definite idea than many of the others. I would like for you, if you will be kind enough, to write me a resume of your convictions that you have arrived at. I am taking it that you will have some experiments conducted under your supervision. The fact that you are not coaching and are in the position that you are would disarm any critics in this type of research work.

I will be happy to hear from you concerning any later ideas that you have on reducing the size of the backboard.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



September 26, 1938.

Mr. George R. Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter regarding the possible reduction of the size of the backboard. This was not my idea at all, but rather the original idea of Mr. H. V. Porter. I was gathering data to submit to him. He believes that a backboard of a fan shape, cutting off the corners, would be much better.

I am also interested in the experiments that you are making on the increase in the diameter of the rim.

I am still more interested in the wiring of a small coil spring at the bottom of the net that would cause a light to flash on. If such a thing is practical I would be much more enthusiastic about this arrangement than the lighting under the Bask-O-Lite system. If they can get a light that will flash on I will be the first one to swing over to this sort of arrangement. I do believe that the light adds a lot to the game.

I will be happy to hear from you after you have used them a month or so, if you will let me know how they hold up.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

September 23, 1938.

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been studying your letter of the 16th relative to reduction of the size of the backboard, and find that I am unable to answer the proposal by a simple "yes" or "no".

If a smaller size would decrease construction costs and increase spectator enjoyment without a material decrease in scoring efficiency I would be heartily in favor of the change. But if the decrease in size would be a handicap to offensive play my answer would be "no". In other words, my reply will depend upon the results of adequate tests made in practice and game conditions.

This fall I am running some experiments with the effects on shooting accuracy of a two inch increase in diameter of the rim. I expect to check results from about 20,000 test shots taken from various angles and distances. If it will aid any I will draw a line on the board outlining the decreased size of the backstop and record the number and effect of shots which hit outside that area. Should such a test appear to have any value I would appreciate suggestions as to dimensions to be given the smaller board.

Also I would like to report that a local electrician has been experimenting with a switch to be placed in the net of the standard basket which will give all of the results of the Basket-Lite goal. He has had it patented. It consists of two small coil springs which narrow the bottom of the net so that when a ball passes through the expansion of the springs closes the switch and either will turn on a light or ring a gong. The contraption is invisible, attaches to any net, and has no effect upon the net action or the basket. He estimates the price of the equipment to be about \$10 for a pair of goals if the lights are used but the cost of gongs increases the price according to the size of the gong used. A set of these switches is to be installed on our baskets and additional reports will be sent to you after they have been thoroughly tested.

Yours truly,  
*George R. Edwards.*  
George R. Edwards.



Sept. 15, 1938

John Bunn --

The Rules Body of the National Basketball Committee has suggested that some experimentation should be made along the lines of reduction in size and possible change in shape of the backboard. The purposes of such change might be set forth as follows:

1. Simplification of construction, and consequently reduction in cost of construction through eliminating the necessity for some of the complicated bridgework that is now necessary.
2. Lessening the amount of obstruction in vision from the ends of the court.
3. Increasing the possibility for play behind the plane of the backboard.

It is quite probable that most of us would agree that these objectives are desirable. However, it remains to be determined whether the disadvantages are enough to outweigh the value of these objectives.

I am wondering if the Pacific Coast coaches are thinking of eliminating any part of the backboard. Has this change been brought to their attention? I should also like to know your own reaction to this proposal. What do you think should be done in the way of experimentation?

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th Dist., N.C.A.A.



Write coaches  
Sept. 1

August 12, 1938.

Mr. H. V. Porter,  
11 So. LaSalle St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Please do not think that I value your letter any the less lightly because I did not answer it promptly. I have been in and out of the office much of late, which accounts for the delay.

I want you to know that I think you have written a very intelligent dissertation on the reduction of the backboard. The fan-shaped reduced board would strike my fancy.

This is a letter of acknowledgment, and upon my return from Louisville, Kentucky, where I am going for a short vacation, I will write you more fully. Before giving you a definite answer I want to write to several coaches to get their reaction, and then I would like very much to work with you further and collaborate with you upon a decision as to what parts of the board we shall specifically eliminate for experimental purposes. I would be obliged to you if you would conduct the experimentations after we have decided upon the size and shape. Of course, we will ask different college coaches to also work with us in this project, but I am of the definite opinion that more real research can be done in the high schools where a number of the men are not too deeply absorbed in competitive teams, or at least they are not high-pressured into thinking that the only thing worth while for them is a championship team.

You will hear from me after I have written these coaches, and that will be just about the time school opens in the fall.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.



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Mr. F. C. Allen  
Univ. of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have been out of the office a couple of weeks and consequently the answer to your letter of July 6th has been delayed.

I believe the experimentation with backboards should be along the line of reduction in size and possible change in shape. If changes are made I suppose the purposes would be:

1. Simplification of construction and consequently reduction in cost of construction through eliminating the necessity for some of the complicated bridgework that is now necessary.
2. Lessening the amount of obstruction in vision from the ends of the court.
3. The increasing of the possibility for play behind the plane of the backboard.

I think it probable that almost anyone would agree that these objectives are desirable. It remains to be determined whether disadvantages are enough to outweigh the value of these objectives. The only way conclusions can be reached is through the charting of that portion of the backboard which is actually used. We might direct our attention to two possibilities.

1. The elimination of as much of the lower part of the backboard as can be taken away without ruining the support for the basket. At least eight inches could be taken from the bottom and still leave room for a base support and if a small square were to be left in the center at the bottom of the board, more than eight inches could be eliminated. We might start with eight inches. Along with this change we could probably cut off at least ten inches from all the other edges of the board. This would reduce the size by approximately ten square feet.

2. The second possibility would be in connection with change in shape as well as reduction in size. The boards might be changed to a fan shape or to a semi-circle. This could be done by using a spot directly behind the ring as the center and drawing the major arc of a circle with a radius of



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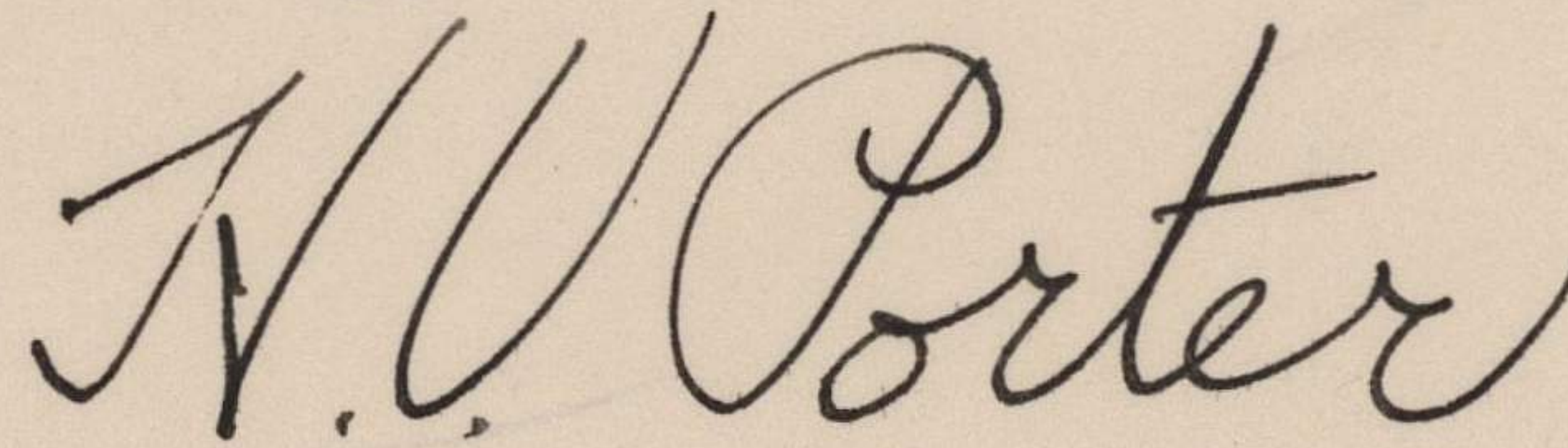
about two feet. The lower edge of the backboard might remain parallel with the floor or if the fan shape is to be tried, it might be sloped upward from the center.

I think it might be well for the Research Committee to standardize by recommending experimentation with definite board sizes as indicated above. We could then make up a table which would give us information as to how many times the border surface outside the marked areas were actually used, i.e., how many times the ball was prevented from going out of bounds through hitting this extra surface and how many times a basket was actually made through banking from the border surface. We should also provide a place for the reaction of players to actual use of the smaller surface. This might help determine whether the larger target has a good or bad mental effect. We might also find how much of the corner floor space at the end would be made available for shooting territory through the reduction of the backboard size and also how much more opportunity there is for a player to shoot from farther under the backboard through the elimination of the lower eight or ten inches. We could also determine the additional number of end seats that might be within view of the basket ring in a given sized gymnasium.

If you decide to specify the actual portions that are to be eliminated for experimentatl purposes, we will be glad to conduct rather extensive experimentation and will give the matter considerable publicity through the Illinois High School Athlete and from it through other state publications.

Let me have your reaction.

Yours truly,



Secretary

HVP/j



July 5, 1938.

Mr. H. V. Porter, Secretary,  
National Federation of State High School Athl. Assn.,  
11 South LaSalle Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Friend Porter:

I acknowledge with thanks the special edition of your  
1938-39 Official Basketball Rules. I have been browsing  
through it and find it very clear and concise. It is a  
tribute to your usual energy and perseverance.

Wishing you a very pleasant summer, I am

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



July 6, 1938

To Members,  
National Basketball Committee:

Under separate cover I have sent you a copy of the Special Edition of the 1938-9 rules.

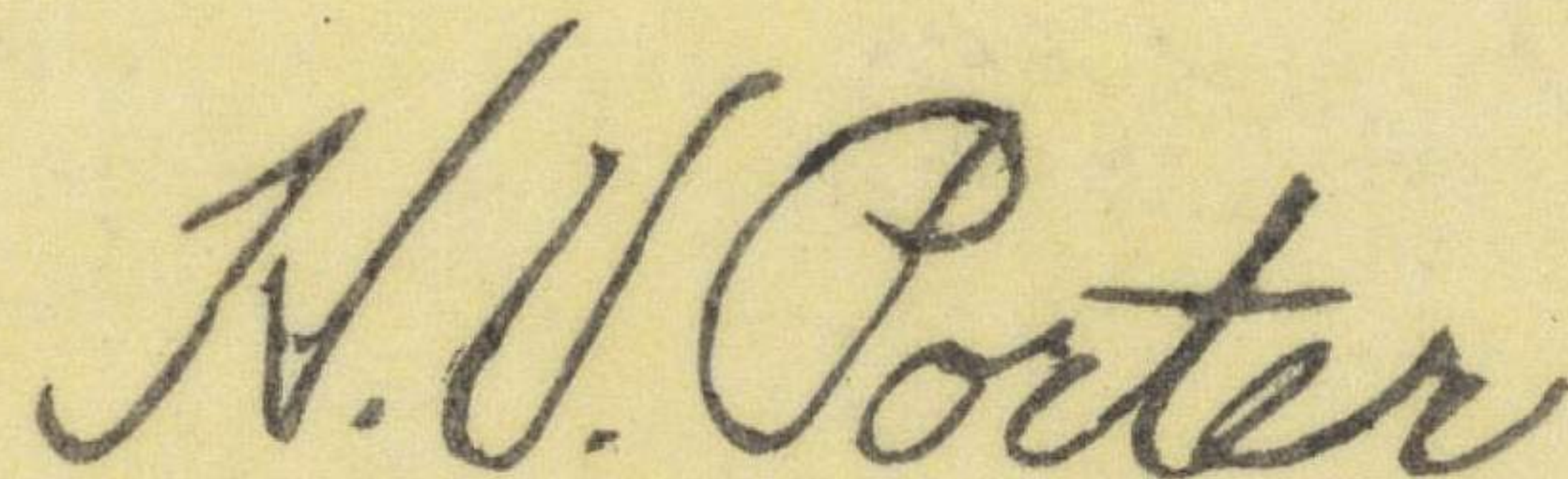
The Editor and Secretary have been working on these since the annual meeting. The wording of this special edition is the same as will be used in the Almanac Edition to be published at a later date. You will note that this is published by the National Federation. This plan was agreed upon by the Publications Committee when it developed that the American Sports Publishing Company found it impossible to get out the guide before fall. Also, they did not find it profitable to publish the separates and were glad to be relieved of this task. A happy solution seemed to be to have the National Federation run a few hundred copies of the Special Edition at the same time they ran their books for the high school associations. This special edition will be available for summer coaching schools and similar groups but no special attempt is being made to sell them and they will not be sold through dealers.

In accordance with the action at the annual meeting, four cents royalty will be paid the Committee on all copies of the Special Edition which are sold during the summer. Heretofore, one cent royalty was paid by the American Sports Publishing Company on the separates. The only publicity being given this Special Edition is through members of the Committee and a circular which is being sent to known coaching schools and colleges which are known to have summer sessions. The books may be secured through the Federation office at 11 South LaSalle St., Chicago.

In a few days I shall send a copy of the book Basketball Play Situations. This year Mr. Tower is collaborating in the making of the book and the rulings are official for college and independent groups as well as for high schools. I hope you will be able to find some good use for your copy.

In my opinion, these developments represent a great step forward toward uniform interpretations and toward universal use of the rules as formulated by the committee. The next step is to organize the work of the members so that through the season, planned experimentation and investigation will be promoted. The various sub-committees will work along these lines. They are open to suggestions.

Yours truly,



H. V. PORTER

HVP/j



P. S. I have just received your circular letter to members of the National Basketball Committee. I think you have done an excellent job and have worked out your solution satisfactorily for all concerned. Of course, I will be happy to receive a copy of the book, Basketball Play Situations.

I would like to have your reaction toward planned research investigations to be promoted throughout the year. What problems do you think are conducive to research this coming winter that will be taken seriously by the coaches and the Rules Body?

F.C.A.



October 3, 1938.

Mr. Frank P. Root,  
Basketball Coach,  
Kansas State College,  
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Frank:

I find that I have failed to acknowledge your kind letter of the 21st ultimo in regard to a possible basketball game with my cousin down the Kaw. Frank, nothing would please me more, but we just talked a little late because I have all my twenty games lined up.

I was sorry that I didn't get to sit in with you on the pow-wow that the coaches had in Kansas City with the football coaches and athletic directors. We discussed then the meeting of the basketball coaches for December. We agreed that we would meet Friday night and discuss all of the necessary changes and so forth that we felt had need for interpretation, and on Saturday morning we would ask to have breakfast with the Missouri Valley coaches so we could discuss what was necessary at that time, and incidentally have a friendly meeting with them. Then the open interpretation meeting would be at ten o'clock Saturday morning, rather than in the afternoon.

I told them that I hoped to have a basketball clinic here on December 3 in the afternoon and have a game with some team that night. I hope that you can stop by on your way home from Kansas City for the clinic and the game. I have my twenty games scheduled, with the exception of this clinic game. I am hoping to get a pretty good team for that date. If we do not get that game would you be interested in bringing your group up? I presume this would be rather early for you, would it not?

H. V. Porter, of Chicago, is the man making a demand for smaller backstop. He suggests making it rather fan-shaped by cutting the top corners off, leaving the basket at the bottom where it is, but starting about one foot away from the basket and angling up, to cut the lower corners off. This would make it just like a ladies' fan when she holds the handle and spreads it to about four-fifths wingspread.



I have suggested that he use certain high schools around Chicago for experiments. He maintains that he can get this cooperation. The lower outside corners by their removal would aid in allowing the ball passed in from out of bounds to clear the space that is now obstructed. This especially pertains to the four-foot area now back of the basket.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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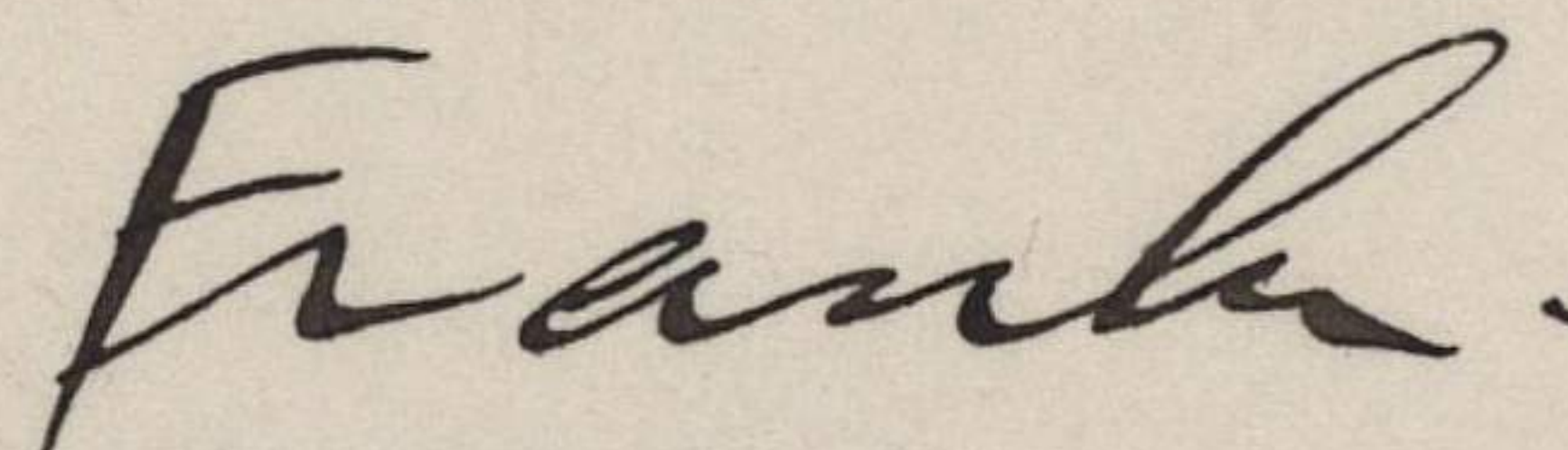
Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

In answer to the three questions in your letter of September 17, it might be possible to put the basket on the bottom of the backstop, and make it six feet by three feet as eliminating the skirt below the basket would simply assist in more playable balls that were short, since the backstop will be four feet inside. Sorry that I have no dimension or construction changes to suggest.

Would you be interested in an exchange of games in December, the second week or as late in the third week as the 13th?

Very sincerely yours,



Frank P. Root  
Coach of Basketball

FPR:LR



October 1, 1938.

Mr. John W. Bunn,  
Dean of Men,  
Stanford University,  
Palo Alto, California.

Dear John:

I am answering your good letters of September 13 and 19.

First, in regard to the Rose Bowl tickets. I would appreciate it very much if you would secure the tickets through your office. I am glad to know that you will be able to attend the game. I am sure it will be a great treat for you since you have been tied up so many years. As soon as you need the money please let me know and I will see that it is forthcoming immediately.

I am sorry that we did not get to play golf and have a short visit while you were so close.

By the way, your nephew, Stewart Bunn, came in and we had a fine visit. Really, he looks like a miniature Johnny Bunn when Johnny entered the University of Kansas, but he did not have the pompadour that you had when you entered. I have not had the pleasure of meeting your other nephew, George, who is here also.

Now, in regard to the size of the backboard. H. V. Porter has some very definite ideas in cutting the top corners off and slicing the lower part of the board back at an angle from the center out toward the side. I have suggested that since he had the facilities and the stimulus to carry this on to go ahead and work something out with his high school group and we would see how things went with him.

A board that I like pretty well that he shows on his diagram is a board either two feet or two and a half feet high and the tops are rounded off like a fan and they come down to meet the bottom of the board which has had about a foot cut off. In other words, the lower corners are eliminated. This board reaches either two or two and a half feet above the basket which is located one foot from the bottom of the board, but the troublesome lower outside corners are cut off. It is just exactly like a ladies fan when it is about one-fourth folded on both sides of the center. Maybe you get the idea.



Anyhow, we have asked him to try that out, and if you have time to suggest to Everett Dean that he should make some experiments I would be happy to have you or him do so if you care to.

There are a great many people that will not want to change the board, but those who want to will work out some sort of research problem which will be interesting, at least. These lower corners are cut off for the purpose of not obstructing the ball that is passed in from that area four feet back of the basket.

If you have any ideas please write me and let me know your reactions.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH



STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 13, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Department of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Allen:


This will acknowledge your letter of September 9. Evidently our paths just failed to cross. I tried to get in touch with you on Sunday when I arrived in Topeka, then again on Thursday after I had completed the coaching school. These were my two opportunities to play golf. I learned that you were in town on Thursday, but for some reason or other I could not reach you by telephone. I had a good visit with George and rather short chats with a number of people on the campus. I am sorry though that I missed you.

Now with respect to Rose Bowl tickets, there are two sources to which you might apply. The one available now is the Tournament of Roses Committee in Pasadena; the other is the ~~Pasadena Rose~~ <sup>Pacific Coast</sup> Conference representative. This latter of course has not yet been determined.

If you desire, it will be possible for me to secure tickets for you through our office here. The probabilities are that I shall attend the game this year. It will be my first opportunity since I have been on the Coast. Basketball has always held my attention before. Please let me know with regard to the tickets and I will make the proper arrangements.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very cordially yours,

  
John Bunn  
Dean of Men



STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

September 19th,  
1938.

Dean F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dean Allen:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 16th concerning research in connection with reduction in size of the basketball black board.

I have been thinking somewhat about this matter since the last meeting of the Rules Committee. We have had it under discussion here on the coast. My suggestion would be that we not move too rapidly in this connection. I suggest that we get several coaches over the country to put up practice black boards of reduced size in order to try them out. We should, of course, specify the size that should be tried. If, after we have done this, there does not seem to be any objection, because of playing disadvantages, to the smaller board then I would suggest that we get several conferences to try them out during the regular season. There is, of course, no doubt but what the smaller board would help the vision of the spectators. I doubt if the smaller board will effect the players but I think we should make sure before we go too far.

I should be glad to get Everett Dean to put up a smaller board here. First, however, will you send me the dimensions which you think should be tried out?

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

*John Dunn*  
John Dunn,  
Dean of Men.

*Travis' nephew  
from Bartlesville?  
Also call registrar for name?  
Stewart  
George*

JB:B