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Mr. George R. Edwards,  
Basketball Coach,  
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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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