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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*

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