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Dear Dr. Allen:

Under date of April 7th, Mr. Oswald Tower wrote me advising that I would soon hear from you relative to my invention, a metal basketball basket, but inasmuch as I have not yet heard from you, I am taking this opportunity to further acquaint you with the situation.

Mr. Tower advised me in his letter that the Committee was not willing to O. K. my basket without giving it a thorough trial. As explained to Mr. Tower, these baskets were installed in the Worcester Boys' Club gymnasium and have had a most severe test, having been in use on an average of five hours daily for three months. I believe this test is equivalent to three years' service in the average gymnasium, and yet these baskets are in perfect condition.

There are several coaches in this vicinity who would like to have these baskets installed in their gymnasiums. Of course, I don't know how soon your school closes or how much of a test you could give the baskets before the summer vacation, but with such a short season after basketball does commence next fall, I shall be terribly handicapped in doing anything with my baskets for the 1938 season, if I am fortunate enough to have them approved.

Another point I wish to explain is that at any later date these baskets can be equipped with two electric contacts which will thus make it possible to ring a bell, sound a horn, or light a light or a series of lights, if so desired.

Mr. Tower also advised me that you would like to install a pair of these baskets in your gymnasium, and I would be very glad to send them