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To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

Arrangements have finally been made for holding the annual meeting of the committee at the McAlpin Hotel, Broadway at 34th St., New York, New York. The meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, May 1st and 2nd. Copy of the agenda is enclosed.

I am enclosing cards which may be used for reservations. I am informed that the present rates are somewhat higher than those indicated on the cards. However, the hotel is offering the old (printed) rates for members of the committee. You will understand that the hotels will probably be crowded during the first few days of the fair and consequently you should send your reservation early.

Most railroads are offering special Worlds Fair rates beginning April 28th. It is my understanding that these early rates apply only to travel by coach and that special pullman rates do not go into effect until early in June. Each member will have to use his own judgment as to whether he can travel at least part of the distance by coach.

Since the date of the meeting is later than was anticipated, it will be possible to record questionnaire results if they are sent immediately after you receive this letter. The members of the committee should be giving some thought to the various topics included on the questionnaire and to related problems.

A Research Committee will have considerable data to present relative to modified equipment which has been submitted for approval and relative to experimental work that has been sponsored during the season. Included in these are: basket nets of metal chain construction, basket rings with metal thicker than the present five-eighths inches in diameter, backboards of a smaller size and with the lower edge and corners eliminated, backboards with a convex surface to scatter rebounds and permit further use of the four-foot end area and various timing methods. Needless to say, any action along lines which would appreciably change apparatus would have to be such as to avoid any great expense which might be involved in the change by any school or organization. However, if such changes appear to be possibilities there ought to be some way whereby improvements over a period of years should be made possible. The ingenuity of the committee will be taxed if action along this line is promoted and it is for that reason that I am suggesting preliminary consideration of the matter.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, I am

Yours truly,

H. V. Porter

Secretary

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