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My dear "Phog":

I believe you are chairman of the Implement Committee (or whatever you call it) in the Basket Ball Association, and accordingly you ought to be able to answer me on the question I am going to ask you.

I am advised that there is a suggested rule change to read as follows:

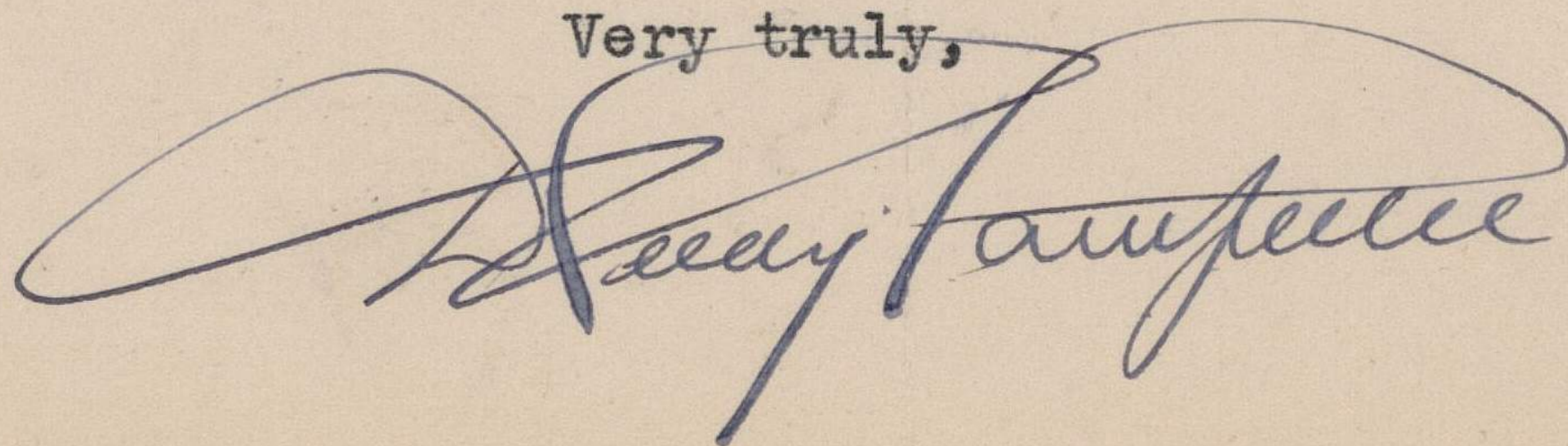
"The ball shall be inflated to an air pressure such that when it is dropped to a solid wood floor from a height of 6 feet measured from the bottom of the ball, it will rebound to a height measured to the top of the ball of not less than 4 feet when it strikes on its least resilient spot nor more than 4 feet 7 inches when it strikes on its most resilient spot. To be legal balls must be tested for resilience at the factory and the air pressure which will give the above reaction must be stamped on the ball. The pressure for game use must be as stamped."

Now what I want to know, is this only a suggested rule change or is it actually in effect or do you think it is likely to be put in effect? I am asking this because naturally it is of vital importance to us.

We have made a lot of laboratory tests on this thing and we actually find that no two balls bounce the same, regardless of make. It would be almost an impossibility and would add to the cost for the factories to stamp the proper air pressure on each individual ball, and in the experiments that we have made it seems to us that it would be almost an impossibility to carry out.

Marion Miller says that when you were down here the other day you spoke about this, and I would appreciate getting your slant on it and to know, if I may, what your committee is planning on doing with it.

Very truly,



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