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Memo

To Executive Secretary, directly faxed to Executive
From Nick Wallingford
Date 23 June 1997
RE: **Instructions to the Executive Secretary**

It has been a long standing and accepted concept that individual Executive members are not to directly instruct the Executive Secretary to undertake activities, and particularly with neither the member nor Executive Secretary having the common decency to contact the President of their intentions to act in this manner.

The Executive Secretary's contract codifies this by stating that "The Executive Secretary will be expected to undertake specific activities as directed by the Executive through the President".

In two recent instances, an Executive member has directed the Executive Secretary to action without involving or even informing me in my role as President. Upon the first request to Harry, Harry has photocopied the last version of the Pest Management Strategy to the Executive. With just a little thought, one could realise that both Terry and Richard received copies of this document at the same meeting that Harry got his. A little more memory would remind one that I was the one who printed it out in the first instance. To send copies to the three of us, then, was just needless expense to the NBA.

In the instance of the fax you have just recently received, Russell and Harry are going a bit further. In this case, de facto 'decisions' of the Executive are being attempted without informing the President of the intention to do so. I won't deign to refer to the method of accepting non-responses as 'yes' - this doesn't sound like something you would normally go along with, Russell, unless it was in order to get something that you particularly wanted. You don't mind if I use this method, do you?

I am well aware of the awkwardness of the time until Conference. I would ask, however, that we maintain the niceties of at least *informing* the President of what is going on within the Executive. I would ask that all instructions for action to the Executive Secretary come *through* the President, as this is the proper way to handle things.

Please note that I am not making comment on the desirability of the action that Russell has called for. You may recall at the May Executive meeting that I reported to you that I had already written to the chairman of the committee that Russell refers to, saying that we most certainly wanted to be involved if possible in the decisions related to the clover weevil. Had Russell or Harry referred this item to me before faxing it out to you in this manner, I could have clarified that...

Yours faithfully

Nick Wallingford
NBA President