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Dear Eric,

As the current contract for the Victorian State Director of Coaching nears completion I am taking this opportunity on behalf of the Victorian Country Volleyball Council to express our appreciation of his services over the past 10 months and to indicate our strongest backing for his reappointment to the position.

Since his arrival in this State from the Phillipines, Mr Santamaria has or will have before his current contract expires, visited every affiliated Country Volleyball Association in Victoria. In the larger Associations he will have made return visits to follow up the programs initiated during his first visit.

The policy adopted by the V.A.V.A. of allocating 60% of Mr Santamaria's time to the country area has paid great dividends by way of accelerated growth rates and for this policy the V.C.V.C. is most grateful.

Volleyball is expanding rapidly in Country areas of the State. Currently Associations in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Latrobe Valley, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Coulbourn Valley are affiliated with the V.C.V.C.

At the close of 1977 2030 Players were registered in Country Victoria and when all registration returns for this year are updated, we expect an increase for the first 6 months of 1978 to the order of 15%. This represents an excellent growth rate and we attribute this increase mainly due to the impetus provided by Mr. Santamaria.

As well as the established affiliated Association, new smaller Associations have been formed in the following areas, Echuca, Kyneton, Mildura, Horsham, Port Fairy, Wodonga, Seymour, Malmsbury, Port Campbell, Kerang, Robinvale, Ararat, Lake Bolac and Colac.

The V.C.V.C. is endeavouring to affiliate all of these smaller and recently formed Associations and we consider that by using the services of Mr Santamaria, the problem of offering something in return for their affiliation fees would be overcome.

In addition to these regular Competitions, Volleyball is played in most Secondary Schools in Victoria as it is now an officially recognized sport in the syllabus, and Physical Education Teachers in both Primary and Secondary areas are being taught Volleyball as part of their Courses.

This later point further indicates the necessity of having Mr. Santamaria reappointed in order that he can continue to visit Schools throughout the State and back up the training of the Physical Education Teachers at each School.

The benefits gained due to Mr. Santamaria's services include increased registration, an obvious improvement in the standard of play throughout Country Victoria, a better understanding and consistent application of the rules of the game by Referees, an increased number of Coaches, especially in the Junior ranks, and a greater awareness of this sport by Local Media and the General Public.

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His International qualifications virtually ensure a captive audience not only with School Children and Regular Volleyballers but also with the General Public at large and his ability to convey his message to Volleyballers of all levels is one of his greatest assets.

In conclusion, the V.C.V.C. is fully satisfied with the services rendered to date by the State Director of Coaching and we strongly support his reappointment.

Yours in Volleyball.



Daniel Hugh WATSON.  
Secretary

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