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STRAIGHTWIRE - 21 January 1969

X
Mr. Morrie Siegal
Master of Ceremonies
Baseball Writers Dinner
Regency Ballroom
Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D. C.

My heartiest congratulations to the ^{XX} Baseball Writers
of America and the cast of great players you are
honoring tonight.

Since I'm facing my first batters in the first
inning, I know you understand why I cannot
join you.

RICHARD M. NIXON

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cc: Ron Ziegler/Eliska Hasek/C.F.

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Jesus Alvarez, Jr.
Calle 23 No. V-2
Urb. Montecarlo
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

To Jesus^{*} Alvarez, Jr.
With best wishes,

Richard Nixon

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February 18, 1969
Tuesday - 2:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHUCK STUART

RE: Consideration of the Five O'Clock Group

Attached you will find a request that the President open the 1969 Baseball Season on April 7th here in Washington by throwing out the first baseball.

This is a tradition and I assume that it should be continued. Does the Five O'Clock group have any special opinion on this?

Thank you. Please return at the earliest possible time.

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

Attachment: Letter to the President dated February 15, 1969 from Robert E. Short, President, The Senators, Wash. D.C. re above.

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March 3, 1969

Dear Ted:

You have my warmest congratulations on
your appointment as manager of the
* Washington Senators. I deeply appreciated
your support during the recent campaign,
and I look forward to seeing you and your
team this season.

I know you will bring to the job of managing
the same high standards you brought to the
art of hitting.

It's good to know that we share the same
goal: to make Washington a first place city.

Sincerely,

RN

Mr. Theodore S. Williams
Islamorada,
Florida 33046

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As an avid baseball fan, I take particular pleasure in saluting professional baseball in its centennial year. Anyone who appreciates a perfectly executed double play, an against-the-wall catch by a great outfielder, or a batter stretching a double into a triple, understands why professional baseball has such a great and enthusiastic following.

The President traditionally has had the honor of throwing out the first ball at the first game of each season. I look forward not only to this ceremony but also to attending as many games as possible.

I know that professional baseball, with its unique combination of strategy and skill, power and speed, will continue to entertain millions as it goes into its second century.

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Bowie ^XKuhn

Statement sent to: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Eckert (Ret'd)
Commissioner of Baseball
Office of the Commissioner
680 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

RN:BG:sar-2

CC: Mrs. Rose Mary Woods, Herbert Klein (FYI) Mary Ann Passman (FYI)
E. Hasek, Bill Gavin (FYI)

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February 20, 1969
Thursday - 2:15 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LARRY HIGBY

Debbie Dougherty, Secretary to Mr. Joe Burke, Washington Senators, called my office today to offer season passes to members of the President's staff. The passes will admit the carrier and one guest to any game played in the American League.

Miss Dougherty suggested we furnish her with a list of staff and mentioned that last year about 30 of these passes were given out. Will you put a list together and send it to Mr. Joe Burke, Washington Senators Baseball Club, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, Washington, D. C. 20003?

Many thanks.

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

P.S. If you should need to contact Miss Dougherty, the telephone number is 546 - 2880.

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March 17, 1969

Dear Mickey:

Having lived in New York for some time, and knowing the great spirit of the Yankee team, I just wanted to send my best wishes to you as you hang up Number 7. I saw you in action on many occasions and from the roar of approval you always received from your fans I knew I was fortunate that you were not in politics.

You can take great pride in your service to the world of sports, and especially in the outstanding example you have always given to the millions of youngsters who followed your career. While Number 7 may be in mothballs, we know it will not be put away permanently. Good luck in all your future endeavors.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

*
x Mr. Mickey Mantle
New York Yankees
Yankee Stadium
Bronx, New York

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April 9, 1969

SEND STRAIGHT WIRE APRIL 9, 1969

Mr. Francis Dale^{*}
X Cincinnati Reds
415 Central Tower
Cincinnati, Ohio

I send my warmest congratulations to the Cincinnati Baseball^{*}
Club and to professional baseball on their one hundredth anniver-
sary. From the days of the Cincinnati Red Stockings to the present,
professional baseball has thrilled millions of Americans; what
began as a game has become a beloved American institution. I
join with all the fans of baseball in wishing a happy birthday to the
Cincinnati Reds and to this great professional sport.

RICHARD NIXON

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cc: Rose Mary Woods(FYI)/Bill Gavin/Central Files

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319 LEO STREET
DAYTON, OHIO 45401

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April 10, 1969

President Richard Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for inviting me to the Opening
Ball Game. It was very nice of you to think of me.
I enjoyed everything about it.

Anytime that I can be of help to you or anyone in
your administration I'll be pleased to do anything I
can.

Thanks Again

Sincerely,

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BASEBALL GAMETRI
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Monday - April 7, 1969

Brooks, David C.
Crutchedfield, Curtis
Gates, Dennis
Page, James C.
Sprecher, Seth
Hoffman, JackTHE PRESIDENT

You will depart the White House today at 12:55 p.m. for the Baseball Game. This is the opening season game between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees. In your party, going to the Ball Park, will be Bud Wilkinson and Cy Laughter.

Upon arrival at the Ball Park, you will be met by Bob Short, President of the Washington Senators, and Joe Burke, Vice President of the New York Yankees. These two gentlemen will escort you to your box.

Upon arrival at your box, you will be greeted by Bowie K. Kuhn, the new Commissioner of Baseball and Mr. Joseph E. Cronin, President of the American League. Also present in your box will be six young men representing the six Washington area counties. These young men are the champion ball players from each county. Their names and pertinent information are attached. Accompanying the young ball players will be Mr. Joe Cole who is head of the Washington area Recreation Department.

After you have arrived in the box (1:20 p.m.) the National Anthem will be played and then you will be asked to toss out the first ball. (For picture purposes, you will actually throw out three different base balls.)

The Ball Game is expected to be over at approximately 4:00 p.m.

John
April 15, 1969

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RE 2

Dear Mr. Piton:

I want to express my thanks to you for your courtesy in sending me a pass valid for all parks from the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. As you know, I am a great baseball fan and I particularly appreciate this generous token of your thoughtfulness.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Phillip Piton^x
President
The^x National Association of Professional
Baseball Leagues
720 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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THIS courtesy card for 1969 comes to you with the compliments of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, and will admit you to any National Association park in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. We trust that you will derive as much pleasure from the use of this card as we take in presenting it to you.

PHILLIP PITON, President
1969 Columbus, Ohio

Gary

April 15, 1969

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EXECUTIVE
RE 2

Dear Mr. Sisler:

I want to express my thanks to you for your courtesy in sending me a 1969 pass from the International Baseball League. As you know, I am a great baseball fan and I particularly appreciate this generous token of your thoughtfulness.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mr. George H. Sisler, Jr.
President
x International League of Professional
Baseball Clubs
Sheraton Hotel
Rochester, New York 14604

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International Baseball League

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The International Baseball League, one of professional baseball's oldest organizations, currently celebrating its 86th consecutive year, is pleased to enclose a courtesy season pass admitting you to all the championship games in its parks during the 1969 season. We hope you will use it often.

Angus Grish
President

International Baseball League
Sheraton Hotel
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

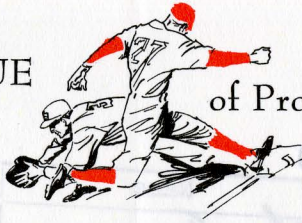


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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

of Professional Baseball Clubs

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



INTERNATIONAL SUITE - SHERATON HOTEL
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, 14604

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April 7, 1969

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Dear Mr. President:

We are pleased to enclose your 1969
International League season pass.

We hope you will have occasion to use
it as much as possible during the 1969
baseball season.

Very respectfully yours,

George H. Sisler, Jr.
George H. Sisler, Jr.
President

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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RE2

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April 15, 1969

Dear Mr. Murphy:

James K.
I want to express my thanks to you and Mr. Thomson for your courtesy in sending me a 1969 Gold Pass from the Metropolitan Baseball Club. As you know, I am a great baseball fan and I particularly appreciate this generous token of your thoughtfulness.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. John J. ^xMurphy
Vice President - General Manager
The Metropolitan Baseball Club, Inc.
Shea ^xStadium
Flushing, New York 11368

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The Mets, New York's representative in the National
Baseball League, are pleased to enclose a courtesy pass
admitting you to all home Championship Games at
Shea Stadium during the 1969 season.

Please present at the Press Gate.

We hope you will use it often.

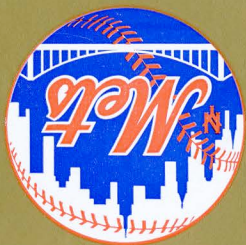
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John J. Murphy

V. Pres. - Gen'l. Mgr.

James H. Thomson

Vice President



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WHITE HOUSE
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April 16, 1969

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B. B. Hoffman
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Dear Jim:

Thanks for forwarding me a copy of the letter that Bowie Kuhn sent out to all the Baseball owners concerning our youth program. The letter showed insight as well as concern and I am extremely impressed with the speed and manner with which the Commissioner has reacted to our discussions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bruce Rabb

Mr. James F. Fitzpatrick
Arnold & Porter
1229 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

* Bob Haldeman

FROM:

The President

SUBJECT:

Baseball affairs

* John Ehrlichman
* Dwight Chapin

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April 18, 1969

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RE 2

Dear Mike:

I want to express my thanks to you for your courtesy in sending me a Gold Pass to Yankee Stadium for the 1969 Season. As you know, I am a great baseball fan and I particularly appreciate this generous token of your thoughtfulness.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x
Mr. Michael Burke
Chairman and President
x New York Yankees Inc.
Yankee Stadium
Bronx, New York 10451

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New York Yankees Inc.

MICHAEL BURKE
CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT



YANKEE STADIUM
BRONX, NEW YORK 10451
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Dear Mr President

There is attached a Gold Pass to Yankee Stadium for your personal use during the 1969 baseball season.

I hope there will be an occasion in your overwhelming schedule to take a brief respite in our Ball Park.

Respectfully,

Michael Burke

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1969/b
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May 1, 1969

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RE 2

Dear Mr. Ditzen:

It was very kind of you to send me the original of the strip you drew prior to the Senator's opening game on April 7. As you know, I did go to the game and I enjoyed it very much.

I want you to know that I am delighted to have your drawing and I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in inscribing it to me.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

By Walt Ditzen

★
Mr. Walt Ditzen
Fan Fare
5902 East Redwing Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

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May 1, 1969

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GI 2-12/L*

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Dear Mr. Levine:

I greatly appreciate your kindness in sending me the photograph of the Presidential Seal taken at the Senator's opening game. Like you, I was amused by the spelling of the word "President."

It was thoughtful of you to give me this particular print and I want you to know that I am very pleased to have it for my collection of mementos.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Ted M. Levine
President
X Development Counsellors
International, Ltd.
20 East 46th Street
New York, New York 10017

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1969

MEMO TO THE PRESIDENT

For your amusement.

Herb Klein

Herb Klein

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He May Be Good In Relief

AS A SERIOUS student of Presidential pitching, we have this feeling Richard "Curly" Nixon may turn out to be okay in relief.

The starting pitcher in the Opening Game up in Washington, didn't have the power or tight control of Kennedy or Ike, but he sure was better than Coolidge or Hoover, both of whom consistently beamed the newspaper photographers and this was no help to their administrations either. Sports photographers are a vengeful breed and they never forget.

Roosevelt and Truman lacked steam but they both had a wicked junk ball that broke into some kind of a sinker just in front of the assembled Opening Game players, who often banged their skulls together as they dove into the dirt to recover the prized Presidential dribbler.

This was back in the wonderful pre-helmet days when Bobo Newsome and Dizzy Dean were in the baseball business and we seem to recall one Opener when their heads banged together and Griffith Stadium rang with the hollow sound of distant temple gongs.

For sheer class in the clutch you had to hand it to Roosevelt.

In the first place FDR could psyche all but the strongest of ballplayers right out of their spikes. He would go into the Opening Game windup and then, just short of a balk, he would break his motion, turn on that fabulous smile and tilt that long cigarette holder twenty-degrees higher. Then, bloop! he'd hum the pea, sort of.

One year, we remember, he hit a Senator catcher, whom we will mercifully leave nameless, right in the smooch.

The poor guy was so bemused by the Roosevelt presence he never even brought up his glove. This catcher also was an avid follower of Mandrake The Magician, which was a popular comic strip 'way back then, and in that year Roosevelt was wearing a cape, too, just like Mandrake. You know that poor psychéd slop of a catcher didn't have a chance. His

shiner turned out to be a beaut.

But as we said, "Curly" Nixon looks like the kind of a guy you can count on when things get up tight in the Sixth with three on, no outs and your starting pitcher throwing at the pigeons under the upper deck. He's good in the facial expression department, too, like Denny McLain, and just before he fires he aims that blue chin at you, sighting in on your ear, and that tends to make a batter check his hard hat, blowing a mite of cool.

For the benefit of TV and news media, "Curly" threw three "official" opening game pitches and all of them seemed to have good stuff on them and right down the a-zell. At least he managed to get all three throws safely in the hands of Senators, and if he doesn't look out for the home team we're all in trouble.

Of course, as Presidents and pitchers find out sooner or later, sometimes a tactical triumph turns out to be a strategic mistake. Miffed perhaps by this preferential treatment of the opening pitch, the Yankees went on to clobber the Nats, 8-4, when the ball-catching got serious, and poor new Manager Ted Williams, who is only rich, opened the Senators' season in a too-familiar cellar.

Still, it was nice to see Ted display such good early foot in a rhubarb with Umpire Jim Honochick, giving us all high hopes of some truly Wagnerian performances later on in the season. We'd sure like to be around when the Boys in Blue thumb out Ted. Bet it takes at least three thumbs. Sic 'em, Theodore!

Mr. Williams, too, showed interest in the season's starting pitcher.

"I was glad the President was here," said Ted, "we need all the help we can get."

Considering the Yanks' flanger Stottlmyer lurched and stumbled to a 14-hit "victory", which included four unearned runs, we think Ted should have sent in his new reliever.

That Nixon knows what it's like to be a Senator

AN ACCELERATED schedule of U. S. troop withdrawals is now under preparation by Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird the possibility that as many as 200,000 U. S. troops be brought home from Vietnam by the election-year of 1970.

Although details are scarce this policy of relatively rapid troop pullback — which is contingent on North Vietnam doing the same — was based partly on Laird's confidence in a report to President Nixon last month his trip to Vietnam last month. Laird knows American support has worn so thin that even less negotiations in Paris will not be tolerated. Consequently the tentative plan calls for a pullout of a division plus supporting air — about 59,000 men — probably in late spring or early summer. Once started, the withdrawal is expected to accelerate, with more than 50,000 men a month going home, replaced by South Vietnamese.



The policy was worked out by President Nixon, Laird, and Henry Kissinger, White House foreign policy adviser, and has the full backing of Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

Laird, in some of the tense talks any American official has ever had with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu and Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, ruthlessly pressed Saigon during his inspection trip to put to grade Vietnamese forces in the frontline at once. In particular, he demanded that Saigon's best units get into combat simultaneously with a military training program preparing Saigon's army to fight both the Vietnamese and North Vietnamese regulars as the U. S. troops withdraw.

Ideally, the U. S. withdrawal would be matched by a pullback of North Vietnamese regulars. If it were, mutual withdrawal could go faster. In fact, however, Administration policymakers are pessimistic over any such happy result in Paris.

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May 13, 1969

Dear Dr. Hollison:

I was very pleased to read that you recently celebrated your ninety-ninth birthday and this milestone also makes you our nation's oldest living professional baseball player.

You can take great pride in having contributed to the early development of America's favorite sport, and I would imagine that you have earned another distinction in having paid your way through medical school by playing ball.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending you our best wishes. May health and happiness always be yours.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

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Dr. John Hollison
3434 Fullerton Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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May 12, 1969

TO: H. R. HALDEMAN

FROM: JOHN R. BROWN

I contacted Bud Krogh and he would
be glad to arrange this if you wish.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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STRAIGHTWIRE - MAY 24, 1969

Mr. Raymond S. Toland
President

* Avocado Heights Babe Ruth League
c/o North Whittier Elementary School
1010 Carraway Drive
Whittier, California 90601

President Nixon sends his greetings and warm good wishes to
all who are attending today's opening day ceremony of the
Avocado Heights Babe Ruth League.

Athletic activities, such as the League, not only promote
sportsmanship and physical fitness but more importantly
they build character and good citizenship.

You have the President's best wishes for a most successful
season.

Bud Wilkinson
Special Consultant
to the President

GMR:sar
CC: E. Hasek, CF

Approved by: James Keogh

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Nick
Baseball dinner?
Call McCabe
Say President
will be in
Calif.

June 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

Dwight Chapin

Kilabrew
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Ed McCabe called again about the President seeing Harman Kilabrew and Bob Allison next time the Twins are here, August 15-17, but I'll bet the President will be in California.

At any rate, keep them in mind; perhaps a sports dinner. If this should occur, besides Kilabrew and Allison, the other two guns on the Senators' team before they moved to Minnesota were Roy Sievers and Jim Lemmon - the Vice President knew them very well. Maybe they should be included in the proposed sports dinner as well.

John C. Whitaker

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1969

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TO: Dwight Chapin

FROM: Bryce N. Harlow

BH

Every year the House of Representatives Republicans play the Democrats in a five inning baseball game at the D.C. Stadium. Minority Leader Jerry^xFord usually plays, and Speaker McCormack has a box seat.

John^x

This year the event takes place 6:30 - 7:30pm on Tuesday, June 17th, preceding the regular Washington Senators game.

Since the surtax extension is expected to be before the House that week, any presidential activity to show interest in the Members would be well received. Therefore, schedule permitting, I recommend the President accept an invitation to attend the GOP-Dem "Rollcall" baseball game.

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June 16, 1969

Dear Reggie:

I want to thank you for your generous comments with regard to hitting a homer in the presence of the President of the United States. Although I always root for the home team, I have nothing but the highest admiration for your performance on the night I saw you. My daughter Julie, and her husband David Eisenhower, have seen you play twice, once in Boston and once in Washington. On both occasions you hit two home runs. You had better subsidize them to attend all your games!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

★
Mr. Reggie Jackson
c/o Oakland Athletics Baseball Club
Oakland, California

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June 9, 1969

Dear Mr. Kremenko:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter asking him to provide a statement for publication in the centennial dinner program commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Professional Baseball.

He wants you to know that he has already issued a statement commemorating baseball's centennial year, and I am happy to enclose a copy of that message for publication in your program.

You may wish to know that the original signed greeting went to the New York office of Mr. Bowie Kuhn, the Commissioner of Baseball.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

James Keogh
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Barney Kremenko
Editor, Major League Baseball
Promotion Corporation
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Enclosure: copy of the President's statement of February 19, 1969

JK:EH:ck

cc: Eliska Hasek/CF *sent 6-9*

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FG 207

June 10, 1969

THE WHITE HOUSE

MEMORANDUM FOR BUD WILKINSON

SUBJECT: Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn

Bruc As I mentioned to you this afternoon, if the President does go to and
Jim him to meet with Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and give a
the f big boost to the Summer Youth Program in general and organized
baseball's participation in particular.

"He will be meeting with Bowie Kuhn in New
York Commissioner Kuhn has been making a significant effort to involve
the r the resources of organized baseball in the summer youth program. (A) (BR)
progr (See attached copy of April 11, 1969, letter to all Major League clubs
ideas and attached transcript of April 6, 1969, Face the Nation.) Staff
TV a members of the President's Council on Youth Opportunities advise
to giv me that the Commissioner has been cooperating closely with the
(223- PCOYO and that the efforts of organized baseball are significantly
you fo greater this year than last. (MPA) (CL)

223- If the President invites Commissioner Kuhn to attend the ballgame
363- with him, therefore, I would advise that a statement be prepared
for the Press concerning Commissioner Kuhn's efforts and the
gw Summer Youth Program. I would be glad to help prepare such a
statement and to provide you with any other information you wish
regarding what the Commissioner has done.

P. S. I missed you this afternoon.

Bruce Rabb

el Shields,

Attachments

- April 11, 1969 memo from Commissioner Kuhn
- Transcript of Face the Nation (excerpt)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1969

MR. PRESIDENT:

The ^xWashington ^xSenators will play this evening
at 7:30 p. m.

The weather forecast is cloudy with chance of
light rain this afternoon or evening. The maximum
temperature will be in the mid-seventies.

Please note the attached recommendation from
Bryce Harlow.

Will go tonight _____

Will not go tonight ✓ _____

Would you want to go on Tuesday, June 17th
as Bryce has suggested?

Yes _____ No _____

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 13, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN

I would like to expand a little on our conversation concerning the President's surprise visit to the ball game. I recognize fully and respect equally fully the President's wishes not to be accompanied by an Aide on certain occasions and to travel without a huge entourage.

Having said that, there are fundamental services which must be available to the President whether or not he knows they are being provided.

In this area, I am primarily concerned that the President have available instant White House communications and a doctor. Therefore, I would like you to let me know anytime the President decides to move like this so that I can arrange to have suitable communications and a doctor available to him. This does not mean that he will have a phone placed in his immediate vicinity, but I will arrange to have WHCA install proper communications so that they are readily available to him if they are needed. Similarly, the doctor can be unobtrusively on hand.

I would appreciate your cooperation on this, and in turn I will respect the privacy that the President desires.

COLONEL JAMES D. HUGHES

EXECUTIVE

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June 17, 1969

TO BE SENT AS NIGHTLETTER, JUNE 17, 1969

Mr. Bob Sullivan
Sullivan's Riverview Furniture
279 Bridge Street, NW.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

* Netherlands Baseball Federation
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The Sullivans have my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable series of baseball games with Dutch teams in the Netherlands. As a longtime baseball fan, I am particularly gratified to know that this great sport, which has long thrilled and entertained Americans, also serves as a basis for international goodwill and cooperation. I extend my greetings to all the teams and players.

RICHARD NIXON

RN:JK:WFG:sle

cc: Rose Mary Woods/Mary Alice Passman/WGavin/Central Files
Requested by: WETimmons (for Cong. Gerald Ford)

Approved by James Keogh

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June 17, 1969

Tuesday - 2:45 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

RE: Warm Up for the All Star Evening -- suggestion that
Vice President's Staff play the President's Staff

No, this is not something the President should be involved in -
not only that - the Vice President's people should not play the
President's people -- someone has to lose.

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

DLC:ny

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WASHINGTON

June 16, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Dwight Chapin

FROM: The President

PM

As Ehrlichman may have told you, I shall not be able to attend the Congressional baseball game under any circumstances. David and Julie, however, will attend and I want them to sit in the Presidential box. If Agnew can go he should also sit there and should throw out the first ball.

ET.



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June 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dwight Chapin
Bob Haldeman
John Ehrlichman
Lucy Winchester

SUBJECT: All Star Baseball Game activities

Following is a line-up of the players:

1969 All Star Teams	70
Baseball owners and officials	80
Hall of Fame members (or widows or nearest living relative)	52
All Star Heros	28
Greatest players and managers	66
Total	296

Note: The above innumeration does not include any media whatsoever. The Director of Public Relations in the Office of the Commissioner estimates the full media could number anywhere from 450 to 600. Selecting media guests for a White House function can be coordinated thru the Commissioner's office and the Presidents of the Baseball Broadcasters and Baseball Writers Association. Further consideration must be given to VIP's and other persons such as J. Edgar Hoover, Billy Graham, Bob Hope, etc.

Program of Events as planned by the Commissioners
Office and both Leagues

July
June 21
Mon.

12:00 Noon Luncheon for members of the press
hosted by the Commissioners Office.

Afternoon	Open
6:00 p.m.	Cocktails at the Sheraton Park followed by Baseball's Centennial dinner Guest List - Includes all 296 individuals first mentioned above Top politico's Cabinet J. Edgar Hoover Cardinal Cooke Billy Graham Bob Hope Etc. Dinner Program - Announcement of the All-time All Star Team Announcement and award of the All-time Baseball player

The general format is an Emmy or Academy awards build-up

^{July} June 22 Tues. Noon	National Press Club Luncheon
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Afternoon	Open (5:00 p.m. - possibly a reception at the National Armory hosted by the Leagues and the Commissioner--this would be a large affair
7:30 p.m.	Pre-game ceremonies
8:00 p.m.	1969 All Star Game
Post Game	NBC hosts a VIP reception at the Stadium

Requests:	1. That the President attend the Monday dinner or do a drop by to (a) present the award to Baseball's all time greatest player and (b) to receive an award as the nation's number one baseball fan.
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2. That the President throw out the first ball at the All Star game - there is precedence for this in that President Eisenhower and other past President's have done so.

Comments:

The Monday and Tuesday program set up by the Commissioner's office and both Leagues has been in the works for several months and the Commissioner's dinner is a long-standing tradition -- in checking the records the President has attended this particular function in the past. Our options for a White House function seem to be quite limited. Further, the moon walk early Monday morning will certainly dominate television news -- this is with the full realization that this is a completely different kind of news item. One possible conclusion might be that one of the most profitable areas to go after would be the sports writers and columnists.

I think it advisable that we get together tomorrow or possibly Monday for a brief meeting on an exchange of ideas.

Nick Ruwe

NR

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June 26, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB TAYLOR

In view of the President's interest in attending a ball game at
X Baltimore Stadium, it appears appropriate to develop a plan
which can be implemented instantly to accommodate him.
I have asked HMX to find a suitable site as close as possible
to the ball park at Baltimore. Naturally, this site would have
to be acceptable to you. I would recommend that you contact
Sample to arrange a mutual study of this problem.

COLONEL JAMES D. HUGHES

cc: Colonel Ed Sample
Mr. Haldeman
Mr. Chapin

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