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July 8, 1969

Dear Bill:

The President has asked me to respond for him to your letter of June 24. The President was pleased with the coverage which you afforded his letter to Reggie Jackson, and appreciated your sending a copy of The Times to us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. William T. Masterson⁺
Publisher
The Oakland Times
3283 Lakeshore Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

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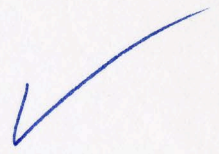
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

July 8, 1969



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached is the front page of The Oakland Times which well illustrates the effectiveness of your letters.

Herbert G. Klein

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LAUDS A's PLAYER

It's 'Dear Reggie' With Pres. Nixon.

Even the President of the United States is impressed by the swinging Oakland Athletics — the "good guys in the white shoes" — and took the trouble to write a "Dear Reggie" letter to Home Run-hitting Outfielder Reggie Jackson complimenting him.

PROBABLY the Chief Executive, a sports fan, was more than ordinarily impressed as 23-year-old Jackson collected for two home runs as the A's beat the Washington Senators 6 to 4. That was June 11.

FIVE DAYS later, the president took the time and trouble to write a personal letter to the slugging outfielder in which he remarked that "I have nothing but the highest admiration for your performance on the night I saw you."

THEN HE observed that

on the two occasions his daughter, Julie and her husband, David Eisenhower, have seen Jackson play he hit two home runs and added:

"YOU HAD better subsidize them to attend all your games!"

Articulate Reggie, never at loss for words, commenting on his performance with the president among the spectators, declared:

"EVERYONE knows who the president is.

"I wanted the President to know who Reggie Jackson is."

There is no doubt whatsoever that the White

House occupant is now well aware of Reggie's existence.

LATER, AFTER the significance of the honor bestowed on him had sunk in and he had had time to

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1969

FOR: Herb Klein

FROM: N. Melencamp

Because this came from the newspaper we may want to write a note to the publisher thanking him for letting us know.

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June 24, 1969

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
White House--Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

NM
Thank you for your very kind letter to one of our better ball players from the Oakland scene. We take great civic pride in this boy and deeply appreciate your courtesy in writing to him.

May the rest of this great team distinguish themselves with a world pennant at the end of the season.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. T. Masterson

Wm. T. Masterson
Publisher

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July 8, 1969
Tuesday - 1:00 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. STEVE BULL

Would you please check with Nick Ruwe and, if necessary, with those in charge of the All Star Game to see how many seats the President has in his box? ^x

You should work up a guest list for the game the evening of July 22. Since Secretary and Mrs. Rogers will be flying to California with the President and Mrs. Nixon that evening, I would suggest that we include them as the President's guests. We need to put this recommendation before the President as soon as possible.

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

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July 9, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

LUCY WINCHESTER

SUBJECT: BASEBALL CENTENNIAL DINNER AT
THE SHERATON-PARK HOTEL

The President offered the Baseball Commissioner the Marine Band on the evening of July 21st, and the Commissioner has accepted with pleasure the President's offer.

^x
Joe Burke, the Assistant General Manager for the ^xWashington Senators, will be calling you about the details.

L. Nicholas Ruwe

✓ cc: D. Chapin

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Bowie Kuhn
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Filed Bn Mr. Chapin's office

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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CY LAUGHTER
319 LEO STREET
DAYTON, OHIO 45401

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July 9, 1969

Miss Rose Mary Woods
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rose:

You mentioned that there maybe someone else
I'd suggest for the Baseball Reception at the
White House.

You can consider Si Burick. He wrote the
original story, which is enclosed, that was
copied by many newspapers all over the country.
Si helped me considerably throughout the campaign.
He is a newspaperman who is well liked throughout
the country. He would not embarass anyone--he's
different.

Why I hesitate pushing him too much is that he
is a good friend of mine, but he did help me
very much and he will be in Washington for the
game.

Si Burick's address is 714 Otterbein Drive,
Dayton, Ohio, 45406.

The address for Larry MacPhail is Glenn Angus
Farms, Belaire, Maryland.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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July 11, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR RON ZIEGLER

FROM: Jerry Warren

X NBC is doing a half hour special which they will run preceding the All Star Game on the 22nd of July. They would like to film privately with the President a condensed statement regarding what he will say at the All Star dinner on the 21st. I understand he is going to name the all time great All Star baseball player. I told Len^X Allen of NBC that they could probably film this the night of the dinner. He responded that they would like something cut to a certain time so that they could fit it right in to their half hour special. They would like to do this Sunday or Monday. I told them how difficult it was to get an appointment with the President at this particular time and that he should not look to this with optimism.

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CONGRESSIONAL HALF HOUR

THE WHITE HOUSE

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1969

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Baseball's Hall of Fame

The President:

The following appointments have been scheduled for today's Congressional Half Hour:

3:45 p. m. (20 minutes)	Congressman Carl B. Albert (D-Oklahoma) Congressman Jackson E. Betts (R-Ohio) Congressman Gerald R. Ford (R-Michigan)
4:05 p. m. (10 minutes)	Congressman Samuel S. Stratton (D-New York)

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Individual briefs are attached.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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July 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO: Dwight Chapin
H.R. Haldeman

SUBJECT: President's attendance at the All-Star game,
July 22nd.

It is my understanding from the Commissioner's
office that the "White House" has informed his office
that the seats in the Presidential box will be occupied
by:

The President
Secretary and Mrs. Rogers
David and Julie Eisenhower
Tricia Nixon
Senator Goldwater
Dr. Tkach
2 or 3 Secret Service

Further, the Commissioner suggests and I recommend
the following be included in the Presidential party:

Commissioner and Mrs. Kuhn
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Short (owner of the Washington
Senators)
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cronin (President of the American
League)
Mr. Warren Giles (President of the National League)

QUESTION: Will Mrs. Nixon attend?

RECOMMENDATION: That the President throw out the first
ball -- in a previous memorandum I stated
that there is precedence in this i.e.,
Eisenhower.

cc: Steve Bull

L. Nicholas Ruwe

The President

Distribution List

ALL STAR BASEBALL GAME

Tuesday, July 22, 1969

From: Gregg Petersmeyer

Mrs. Nixon
Miss Tricia Nixon
Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenhower
Dwight Chapin
Lt. Col. Coffey
Col. Hughes
Gerry Van der Heuvel
Lucy Winchester
Alan Woods
Ron Ziegler
Ushers Office
Secret Service

THE ALL STAR BASEBALL GAME

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1969

THE PRESIDENT:

At 7:50 p.m. you and members of your official party which will include Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenhower, Miss Tricia Nixon, Mr. Barry Goldwater, Jr., and the Reverend Billy Graham will depart from the Diplomatic Entrance and proceed by motorcade to the All Star Baseball Game.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., right after the last All Star player has been introduced, you and your party will enter The Presidential Box.

NOTE: There will be full
press coverage and live
television coverage.

At your Box, you will be met by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Short, President of the Washington Senators, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burk. Also in attendance will be Commissioner and Mrs. Bowie Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cronin, President of The American League, and Mr. Warren Giles, President of The National League.

You will be expected to throw out the first baseball.

At the conclusion of the Game, you and your official party will depart by motorcade for Andrews Air Force Base.

July 16, 1969
Wednesday - 3:45 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR
MR. H. R. HALDEMAN

Attached you will find a scenario for
the Baseball Reception and the Kiesinger
visit.

Will you please review them and send them
back to me once you have approved them?

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

DLC:ny

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR

DWIGHT CHAPIN

I have contacted Rep. Robert ^{xx}Taft and he in turn contacted Warren ^xGiles, President of the ^xNational League, and both gentlemen will be here Tuesday, July 22 at 3:15 to present the President with a Lifetime Pass for National League Parks.

WET

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

All Star Game

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STRAIGHT WIRE - JULY 18, 1969

Mr. John ^{XX}Pyron
c/o Colonel David F. ^XMacGhee
7303 Gardens Road
Falls Church, Virginia

It is a pleasure for me to join the many friends who honor you for your long devotion and selfless hard work on behalf of young Americans.

Much has happened since that day in the mid-Fifties when I autographed a ^XLittle League baseball for you to use in the opening season at Falls Church. Under your inspiring leadership, the number of Little Leagues in Northern Virginia has increased from one to thirty leagues; the number of teams from less than a half-dozen to more than 600; and the number of Little Leaguers has increased from fewer than a hundred to more than 12,000.

Your efforts have contributed immensely to improving the health, physical well-being and character of countless young boys.

The use of your time, energy and talent to promote this outstanding program is a most rewarding investment in the future of our nation. For this and for all the good that has come of your endeavors, I thank you. ~~And I wish you all the happiness and satisfaction you~~
~~deserve.~~

gk
RICHARD NIXON

Kiwanis Club/Va.

RN:Hasek:ck

cc: Rose Marfy Woods(FYI)/M.A. Passman/Eliska Hasek/CF

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- Requested by Colonel MacGhee.

Approved by James Keogh.

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July 18, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

H. R. HALDEMAN

SUBJECT:

^x BASEBALL'S CENTENNIAL DINNER

^x
Frank Borman will present the awards for baseball's greatest living player and greatest player ever at the Centennial Dinner.

The Commissioner has asked if Borman can be designated as the President's representative. You will recall that Borman has acted as the President's representative in the past, i.e. the European tour.

Approve / Disapprove

L. Nicholas Ruwe *NR*

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

BOB TAYLOR
ARTHUR GODFREY

For your information, a ^XSPORTS ILLUSTRATED photographer has arranged through the Commissioner's Office to be seated in an aisle near the President's box, at the All Star Game. He will be taking pictures for use on the cover of the magazine when an interview with the President is run.

The photographer's name is Richard ^XMeek.

RONALD L. ZIEGLER

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RON ZIEGLER

FROM: Dwight L. Chapin

Those who will be included in the official party going to the All
Star Baseball Game at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium are:

The President
Mrs. Nixon
Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower
Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenhower
Miss Tricia Nixon
Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr.
Rev. Billy Graham

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TO: Agent Hamilton Brown
Secret Service

FROM: J. Bruce Whelihan

The following will be on the field during the President's visit to the All Star Game and will move in all motorcades.

Doug Cornell -- AP
Charles Harrity -- AP Photo
Gene Risher -- UP
Frank Cancellare -- UP Photo
Paul Conklin -- Time Photo
Ed Gilman -- ABC
Wallace Norris - ABC
Herb Kaplow - NBC
Earl Mazo (probably) -- Reader's Digest
Marty Schram -- Newsday
Francis Routt -- Washington Star
Mathew Lewis -- Washington Post
Karl Schumacher -- White House Photos
Bruce Whelihan -- White House Staff

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HERB KLEIN

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE EXTEND MY MOST SINCERE REGRETS TO THE PRESIDENT FOR MY
INABILITY TO ATTEND HIS BASEBALL RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE
TOMORROW AFTERNOON THE PRESSURE OF LOCAL BUSINESS PROBLEMS
REQUIRES ME TO STAY HERE IN SAN DIEGO THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, I
WAS HONORED AND FLATTERED WITH THE INVITATION. THANKS SO MUCH
WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS

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C ARMHOLT⁺ SMITH⁺ PRESIDENT UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK.

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1. BABE RUTH^x HIT THE HOME RUN AGAINST CHARLIE ROOT^x IN 1932.
2. IN 1929, aHOWARD EHMKE^x OF THE ATHLETICS^x STRUCK OUT 13 BATTERS TO WIN AGAINST THE CUBS^y.
3. ON OCTOBER 12, 1929, THE ATHLETICS GOT 10 RUNS IN THE EIGHTH INNING TO BEAT THE CUBS 10 TO 8. PRIOR TO THIS INNING, THE SCORE WAS 8 TO 0 IN FAVOR OF THE CUBS.

Walter Johnson^x

Tigers^x

Dizzy Dean^x

Paul Dean^x

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1. BABE RUTH HIT THE HOME RUN AGAINST CHARLIE ROOT
IN 1932.

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2. IN 1924, WALTER JOHNSON pPITCHED A 12 INNING VICTORY.
(LAST GAME IN THE SERIES)

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3. IN 1934, DIZZY AND PAUL DEAN EACH WON TWO VICTORIES
IN THE SERIES. (ST. LOUIS AGAINST THE TIGERS.)

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TO:

The President

FROM:

Hugh Sloan

SUBJECT:

*All Star Home
Reception

Kuhn, Bowie

Baseball's No. 1 Fan

Giles, Warren C.

National League of
Professional Baseball Clubs

National League Parks

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1969

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TO: Dwight Chapin
FROM: Bill Timmons *BT*
SUBJECT: Dave Bristol

A senior Republican Congressman from North Carolina, Charles Jonas, reports that Dave Bristol of the Cincinnati Reds is from North Carolina and campaigned for the President last fall. Charlie suggests the President might want to express his appreciation at this afternoon's party should they meet.

Dwight, this encounter will get back to Charley Jonas and be helpful in our congressional relations.

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July 22, 1969

Dear Joe:

I want to thank you for your recent letter and for all the assistance you gave us in preparing for the Baseball Reception. I am delighted that you will be able to attend and I know that your presence will contribute a great deal to the success of the occasion.

It would be a great pleasure to watch the Mets in action, and I would particularly like to sit among that new baseball phenomenon -- the Mets fans. I hope we can arrange it sometime in the not too distant future.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph L. Reichler
Director, Public Relations
Baseball

Office of the Commissioner
680 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

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Respectfully yours,

Joseph L. Reichler

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July 24, 1969
Monday - 4:45 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROSE MARY WOODS.

The President met with Congressman Stratton today at 4:30 p.m.

In the course of his conversation with Congressman Stratton, he invited him to attend the Baseball Reception.

Will you please see that his name is added to the list to receive an invitation?

Thank you.

DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

DLC:my

cc Nick Ruwe

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Baseball's Hall of Fame

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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

Bob Haldeman

FROM:

Peter Flanigan

SUBJECT:

D.C. Stadium parking lot

Short, Bob

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July 15, 1969

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to thank you for the time you took to speak to my
son, Ken ^xSharp, and two of his team mates, ^xAl Mayham and
Rodney ^xCasner, from the "Giants" of the Greenbelt Little
League at the ballgame they attended on Wednesday July 9, 1969.

The few minutes you spoke to them and then shaking hands
with them meant a great deal to them.

It's hard to put into words the impression you made upon
my son. I only know you made him one happy boy.

I can only add my thanks to you and close with the words
of my son, "Gee mom, President Nixon is a nice man."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Garry A. ^xWeese, Sr.
3F Laurel Hill Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

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Dear Stan:

It was with special pleasure that I saw your name on the list of recent additions to the Baseball Hall of Fame for your name has always been high on my list of personal baseball favorites.

Your lifelong dedication to baseball gave you a unique opportunity to enrich the lives of our people and there are few men in any walk of life who have given the inspiration and consistently good example which have marked your career. I know that generations to come will continue to be inspired and encouraged by reflections on the career and sportsmanship of "Stan the Man."

You have been in the Nixon Hall of Fame for some time and I am glad that Cooperstown has finally followed my example. Congratulations and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

*
Mr. Stan Musial
85 Trent Drive
LaDue, Missouri 63124

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August 4, 1969

Dear Roy:

When I returned from abroad, I was pleased to note that your name has been added to the greats in the Baseball Hall of Fame, and I just want to add my congratulations to many you are receiving from your friends and admirers.

You must feel great satisfaction from your years in baseball but your real sense of pride must come from knowing that your life has given the youth of our nation an outstanding example of participation and sportsmanship.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our congratulations and our very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

x ★
Mr. Roy Campanella
Fair Street
White Plains, New York 10600

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PP 15-16

August 4, 1969

Dear Bob:

When I returned to my desk this morning after arriving home from our around-the-world trip, one of the first things which came to my attention was your letter of July 21 and the record albums which you so generously enclosed. I can assure you it won't be long before I have the pleasure of listening to both of these recordings, and I expect that "Baseball, The First 100 Years" and "Great Sounds of Madison Square Garden" will both make me feel a bit nostalgic. When I hear your interview which took place with me many years ago at the old Griffith Stadium, I'm afraid I'll also feel a little older!

As you know, my official schedule is the only thing which prevents my regular attendance at the Senators' home games, and only a torrential downpour kept me from the recent All-Star Game, which was rescheduled after my departure on the trip.

I hope the calendar this fall will include some free time which will enable all of the Nixons to accept your very kind invitation to visit "the Garden" during the coming indoor season.

With appreciation for your kind words and your more-than-generous gift,

Sincerely,

RN

Mr. Robert A. Wolff
Vice President

X Madison Square Garden
4 Pennsylvania Plaza
New York, New York 10001

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August 6, 1969

Dear Mr. McGovern:

The President regrets that he is unable to accept the invitation you have extended to him to attend the Twenty-third Annual Little League World Series, to be held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, August 19th-23rd, as well as the Buffet Luncheon at twelve noon on Saturday, August 23rd.

The President does want to send a message of greetings to the Little League World Series, though, and this will come to you by August 19. In the meantime, he wants you to know he is grateful for your thoughtfulness of him and that you have his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Peter J. McGovern

Williamsport, Pennsylvania

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August 8, 1969

Dear Stan:

When I returned from abroad, I was very pleased to see that your name has joined other baseball greats in the^x Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

You must know great satisfaction from this just recognition of your years in baseball and I am sure that the story of your early training by pitching coal will inspire and encourage generations to come to seek their dream of a baseball career.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our congratulations and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stanley⁺ Coveleski
1038 West Napier Street
South Bend, Indiana 46625

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August 8, 1969

Dear Joe:

I want to thank you once again for the handsome leather album, compiled as a reminder of many past and unforgettable Opening Day Games. This memento honoring baseball's Centennial is particularly meaningful for me because of the close and personal associations reflected in the splendid assortment of photographs. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving me this interesting addition to my collection of special souvenirs.

With my best wishes to you and your associates in the American League,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Joseph Cronin
President
*American League of Professional
*Baseball Clubs
520 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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August 8, 1969

Dear Waite:

I was very pleased to learn on my return from abroad that your name was among those recently added to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Baseball is a game which brings satisfaction to players and to fans alike, but I know your greatest pride must come from knowing that the game you have loved and served for so long counts you among its greats.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our congratulations and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Waite^{*} Hoyt
2374 Madison Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45208

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July 23, 1969

August 8, 1969

Dear Bowie:

I want to thank you once again for the handsome trophy you presented to me during the reception at the White House and for the copy of Baseball--The First 100 Years you sent to me prior to that occasion. As I mentioned at the time, this award will have a proud place in the Presidential Library, and you may be sure that this book will be a treasured addition to my personal library.

It was an honor for me to participate in the Centennial celebration and a pleasure to have the opportunity to greet so many of the great players and representatives in the field of baseball. My only regret is that the weather caused me to miss the game.

With my best wishes to you and your associates,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner of Baseball
680 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

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August 9, 1969

Dear Mr. Claflin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter. He was very pleased that you enjoyed the All-Star reception.

Your suggestion certainly is an excellent one and is being given serious consideration. We very much appreciate your passing it along.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein ✓
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Larry Claflin
✓ Record American
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Boston, Massachusetts 02106

CC: Bud Wilkinson

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August 12, 1969

Dear John:

I was delighted to receive your letter of July 24 and the unique baseball used in the 1929 World Series. I did not reply sooner because I was trying to make arrangements to have it presented to the President before he left for San Clemente. But he has since gone and I will have to have it presented to him some-time in the near future.

Meanwhile, the ball, in its attractive mounting and glass case, resides in my office here; and I will keep you advised about its fate.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Eugene S. Cowen
Special Assistant
to the President

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Honorable John B. Hannum
United States District Judge
for the Eastern District
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2112 United States Court House
Ninth and Market Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

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MEMORANDUM

EXECUTIVE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 13, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

In view of the very wide coverage by sports editors of the President's participation in the All Star game festivities, I believe it would be a mistake to single out The Sporting News editorial.

Much of the coverage came while the President was abroad but he was featured in practically every newspapers's sports columns. In some case writers carried two columns on it and, to be frank, the added coverage was aided by the rain which postponed the game and made the White House reception the unchallenged top event of the day.

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WASHINGTON

August 14, 1969

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: John R. Brown

The attached memorandum was submitted in response to your request that the August 9 editorial in The Sporting News be circulated to all sports editors.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 980

8/14
Date: Friday, August 8, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE

FOR ACTION: *H. Klein 8/14*

cc (for information):

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, August 12, 1969

Time: 2:00 P.M.

SUBJECT:

President's request that the attached editorial be circulated to all sports editors.

ACTION REQUESTED:

☒ For Necessary Action

☐ For Your Recommendations

☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief

☐ Draft Reply

☐ For Your Comments

☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please submit a report on what actions were taken to comply with the attached request.

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PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. KLEIN

The President wants the attached editorial circulated to all sports editors. As you will note, it appeared in the August 9th issue of The Sporting News.

Attachment

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ALEXANDER P. BUTTERFIELD

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Those who attended the White House reception for the All-Stars were deeply impressed—and that included the baseball writers. Their stories of the reception recounted in detail the President's personal delight in watching the players and his warm remarks. "It's a great honor for you to be here," he said. "I'm sure you'll have a great time." The President's interest in the game was evident in his questions, and his sharp recollection of years past and his warm greetings to every player. From his stories with the players, several days later, that President welcomed the astronauts, and his breakdown in the Pacific, one of his first questions was: "Where you told how the All-Star Game came on?"

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THE PRESIDENT PLAYS HOST

'I Never Dreamed... So Many Famous People'

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Wash Daily News

By WAUHILLAU LA HAY
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

The President of the United States looked out over a group of 500 All-Stars, owners, managers, writers and sundry baseball people gathered in the White House and allowed that he "liked his job" — but:

"If I had my life to live over again, I'd like to be a sportswriter."

Richard Nixon has attended baseball games more frequently than any President in several administrations. Those who believe he attends for the sake of his "image" should, perhaps, have heard him speak at a White House reception yesterday before rain washed out the All-Star game at RFK Stadium.

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The President sounded very much like any man who, as a kid, saved baseball cards and begged for players' autographs.

"Like so many who have never made the team, I am awed by those who have," he said.

After Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn had given Mr. Nixon a trophy as "America's Number One Baseball Fan," the President smiled. "It took a lot of years, but I finally made it," he said.

The American League gave him a white leather album with pictures showing opening games he attended while Vice President. The National League presented him with a lifetime pass to all its parks.

Mr. Nixon then shook hands with all his guests. It was a slow-moving line, as he exchanged words with each of the hand-shakers.

The News Sports

Casey Stengel was careful to point out that it was not his first visit to the White House.

"I came here when I was with Brooklyn, and we used to play an exhibition game here on the way to New York," he said. "Truman? Sure, I knew him well. I knew Eisenhower, Roosevelt, JFK, all of 'em. Hell, I even knew Wilson and Hoover."

"I have pictures of all of them at their weakest moments," he said. "When they were throwing out the first ball."

LUMINARIES

Wives weren't invited to the reception but widows of baseball greats were: Mrs. Babe Ruth, Mrs. Lou Gehrig, Mrs. Grover Alexander, Mrs. Mickey Cochrane, Mrs. Rogers Hornsby and Mrs. Branch Rickey.

And players, past and present, by the dozens: Joe DiMaggio, Musial, Spahn, Campanella, Mays and Feller. Ted Williams attended, wearing a white knit sport shirt and a string tie.

"This is the greatest," said one White House aide. "This is pure heaven. I've already got autographs from DiMaggio and Musial and I'm going to try for Stengel and Mrs. Ruth. I never dreamed I'd see so many famous people in the White House."

President's Needle Hits Target

By MILTON RICHMAN
UPI Sports Writer

Richard Nixon likes to needle a little.

He found a prime target in Lefty Grove, officially designated the greatest left-handed pitcher in history, who had a 300-140 lifetime record.

"Why did you lose so many games?" the President asked the white-haired 69-year-old ex-Philadelphia and Boston ace, possibly having been tipped off that Grove was especially sensi-

tive about every single defeat in his hey-day.

Proud as always, Lefty, all six-feet-three of him, raised tall and came right back with:

"It wasn't me; it was the other eight guys. You'd have to ask them."

The President laughed heartily.

The East Room of the White House isn't ordinarily given over to a dance but the people in baseball had a ball there Tuesday, a few hours before the All-

Star Game was rained out and moved up to today.

In a remarkable display of hospitality, cordiality and patience, Richard Nixon stood at the head of the receiving line along with Bowie Kuhn, the baseball commissioner, for almost an hour and greeted nearly 400 various baseball personalities.

The guests included such people as Joe DiMaggio, Mrs. Babe Ruth, Casey Stengel, Tom Seaver, Ted Williams, Ron Santo, Mike Andrews, and Jerry Koosman—along with hundreds of others. Few larger receptions ever have been held in the East Room.

"Do you think this was the biggest one ever here?" someone asked Herb Klein, the President's communications director.

"I don't know about that, but I think he had the most fun at this one," Klein replied.

That was obvious.

Nixon smiled and looked happy throughout all the introductions and he had a word for virtually everyone with whom he shook hands.

When Joe DiMaggio stepped up, the President spoke with him about Reggie Jackson, the red-hot home run slugger with the Oakland A's for whom Joe D. is a coach.

"You're doing a good job teaching that fellow how to hit," the President said to DiMaggio.

"No, I'm not," Joe said. "He's doing it all on his own."

Nixon showed he followed all the clubs, even Montreal's expansion Expos, mired deep in the National League's East Division basement.

Gene Mauch, their manager, came along to shake hands and the president told him:

"Stay with 'em. Get a little more pitching and you'll be all right."

Nixon displayed particularly empathy with the managers. He spoke at some length with Bob Skinner, the Phillies' skipper, and told him that such stars as

Richie Allen and the Jets Joe Namath should never leave baseball or football for something else because they "need the fulfillment of sports."

When Jim Lonborg, the Red Sox pitcher stepped up, Nixon said:

"It's nice to meet another Californian. How's the leg?"

To Jim Campbell, Detroit's general manager, he said, "I hope you get back up there again," and when Frank Cashen, Baltimore's executive vice-president was introduced, Nixon grinned and offered:

"You have nothing to worry about."

Cashen, taken aback for an instant, replied: "Oh yes, I do."

The President greeted Seaver this way: "Oh, I know you. You were a good pitcher even before the Mets were good."

He told Mrs. Babe Ruth, his wife still had an autographed picture of the Babe and he mentioned to Mrs. Lou Gehrig he had once seen her husband play in a previous All-Star game.

Ford Frick, who used to be baseball commissioner, also was at the reception which was held in conjunction with the game's 100th anniversary. He has been a guest in the White House previously, but he said he never saw anything like this before.

"The President practically turned over the White House to baseball," Frick said. "I don't believe anything like this has ever happened before."

It never had.

Richard Nixon, the man responsible for it, had the best time of all.

President Makes A Baseball Date

Work 7/23/69
By MERRELL WHITTLESEY

Star Staff Writer

President Nixon made an October date to watch Brooks Robinson play in the World Series at the White House reception for 400 baseball people here for the All Star game yesterday, and now all the Baltimore third baseman must do is to make sure the Orioles win American League East and the divisional playoff.

The President, who confesses to ball players from all American League points that he primarily is a Senators' fan, thus fell into the groove of patient Washington fans of years past. He is resigned to waiting for next year for the World Series in Washington.

The last one was played here in 1933.

The greatest array of baseball talent ever gathered in five chartered buses rolled behind a police escort from the Shoreham Hotel to the White House yesterday for a pre-All Star game reception.

The reception was, according to Nixon, "the most exciting of many held in the East Room." Ball players are his people. He has been a fan since he rooted for the Philadelphia A's in the days of Lefty Grove, George Earnshaw and Rube Walberg. He remembered the year, 1929, and recalled it because it was important other than for baseball.

Nixon's fun day on the eve of his departure for a meeting with the astronauts and a world trip to follow was not what he had planned.

Because of a tight schedule, the President had been told he might have to leave in the fifth inning. "I told them I never leave in the middle of a ball game," he added, and was cheered.

As it turned out, there was no game because of a three-inch downpour, and Nixon will have to get his report of today's game by wire.

Vice President Agnew was at the reception, and he will throw out the first ball today.

There was a run on ginger ale by the 56 members of the All-Star team at the reception, because their curfew on hard stuff was long past. For the Hall of Famers, baseball officials and the press, there were cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Free to Roam

The players, the former greats and the few women present — Mrs. Joan Payson, owner of the Mets, Mrs. Babe Ruth, Mrs. Lou Gehrig and others — roamed with unexpected freedom through the rooms of the White House, gazing at pictures, inspecting silver, comparing notes.

The rain against the windows of the White House afforded an unexpected sense of relaxation. The hour was near for the players to report to the Stadium, but it was obvious there would not be any batting practice, even a game, so why hurry?

The only person under the roof with a date of great importance was the President, and he certainly was not in a hurry.

There was little organization to the receiving

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NO. 1 Baseball Fan Meets the 'Greats'

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line. Just a mob scene — first come, first to shake the hand of the President, but nobody complained.

The President had made his salute to the baseball writers: "If I had my life to live over, I would have liked to have been a sports writer," he said. He noted that some of the great political writers previously were sports writers.

"I'm not sure whether they went up or down," he said, and laughed in the manner of a man who enjoyed his joke.

There were formalities. Commissioner Bowie Kuhn presented to Nixon the same award given to members of the All-time teams at the centennial dinner the previous night. President Warren Giles of the National League presented to Nixon a lifetime pass for all National League games.

In the receiving line, the President was wonderfully knowledgeable. He tarried with almost everybody who went through. Commissioner Kuhn preserved the next in line but most of his introductions were unnecessary. The name or the face rang a bell.

After discussing the World Series with Brooks Robinson, the President mentioned the great play Brooks had made to snuff out a Senators' rally and win one of the five games Nixon has seen here this year.

Of Rod Carew, the Twins' second baseman who leads the American League in hitting, he said "You have a chance to be a .400 hitter."

Of Carlos May of the White Sox, Nixon said: "hope you last as long as Ernie Banks."

Harmon Killebrew, the Twins' great slugger, knew the President was not faking about his baseball knowledge.

Killebrew recalled that in 1959 when the pre-expansion Senators were in a losing streak, he and Jim Lemon, Bob Allison and Roy Sievers were leaving from the airport as Nixon, then vice president, was returning from a trip to Russia.

"We watched him get off the plane, and as he came through a line he spotted us," Killebrew recalled. "He came over to us and said: 'You guys have been playing in some tough luck. Hurry up and win some and get home so I can see you play.'"

When Killebrew and all the others had passed through the receiving line, Nixon made his exit to his personal quarters. He spotted Mrs. Gehrig, and stopped to again shake her hand.

She told him how much she enjoyed the visit. "Have a good time," he said. "It's your house."

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August 13, 1969

Dear Sam:

The President has asked me to thank you for your August 5 letter to advise him that the Presidential baseball is now back in the⁺ Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Additionally, he appreciated your warm words of commendation on his trip around the world.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to
The President

Honorable Samuel S. ^xStratton
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SAMUEL S. STRATTON
NEW YORK

August 5, 1969

B.H.
Dear Mr. President:

Just a note to express my sincere appreciation to you for your courtesy the other day in signing the famous Presidential baseball from the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

I had the privilege of returning the ball to the Hall of Fame Museum on July 28. It rained for that ceremony too, but not enough to wash out either the ceremony or the game, as happened with the All Star game down here.

It was pleasant too, to have an opportunity to chat with you briefly, and please accept my congratulations on your splendid and very successful trip to Asia and around the world.

Sincerely yours,

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Nixon", written over a large, stylized blue checkmark.

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August 15, 1969

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Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 1. We certainly enjoyed working with you and the Commissioner. Congratulations on your great success!

We are preparing a souvenir which we will shortly be sending to the list which you were kind enough to send. Thank you for the souvenirs which you sent me. I appreciate them. *filed same 8-18-69*

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hert

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

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The Western White House
San Clemente

Dear Mr. Smith:

August 16, 1969

It was thoughtful of you to write to me about the White House reception before the All-Star Game. I was pleased that you could join us and I want you to know how much I appreciated your generous comments. Your efforts on behalf of the Kansas City fans must surely seem handsomely rewarded, judging from the fine performance of the Royals this season.

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I was pleased to learn that you share my admiration for the splendid achievement of the^xApollo XI astronauts. It was an honor as well as a great pleasure for me to greet them and to congratulate them on America's behalf.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Lawrence E. Smith, Jr.
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Kansas City, Missouri 64108

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August 18, 1969

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Following the All-Star game which the President was unable to attend due to his around-the-world trip, he asked me to send you a small memento which is being mailed under separate cover.

I hope you will enjoy this token of the President's support for what you are doing on behalf of baseball.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Gary Schumacher
The San Francisco Giants
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The Western White House
San Clemente

August 21, 1969

Dear Mr. Grant:

We were very pleased that you, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Payson could join us for the Baseball Reception at the White House and I want you to know how much I appreciate your kind invitation to Shea Stadium.

Charles

It was particularly exciting for me to be a New Yorker when the Mets first came to town. Even during their losing days they won more supporters than many winners do. While my schedule may not give me the opportunity to watch the Mets in action this season, I will remember your invitation and hope to take advantage of your hospitality at some time in the not too distant future.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. M. Donald Grant
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Metropolitan Baseball Club, Inc.
Shea Stadium
Flushing, New York 11368

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The Western White House
San Clemente

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Dear Bowie:

It was good to hear from you again and to receive the commemorative medal honoring the memory of Babe Ruth and his birthplace in Baltimore, now being restored as a national shrine. I want to express my deep appreciation for this impressive memento of the greatest of baseball players and to assure you that it will have a very special place among my souvenirs relating to our favorite national pastime.

I appreciated your thoughtful message and your congratulations on our recent trip around the world.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

I would like to congratulate you in particular, ~~for~~ your accomplishment in promoting world peace.
Mr. Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner of Baseball
680 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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September 12, 1969

Dear Messrs. Frigo and Haag:

I want to express my thanks to you for sending me the sheet music and recording of "The ^XCubs Song." Judging from the Cubs' standing at the top of the National League Eastern Division, your efforts have been well worthwhile. Chicago has had an exciting season indeed, and I am sure that a fair measure of the Cubs' success is to be attributed to the enthusiasm you and the many Chicago baseball fans have so loyally displayed.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. John ^{XX}Frigo
Mr. I. C. ^XHaag
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Autry, Gene
Reynolds (Mr.)

September 19, 1969

Dear Mr. Lederer:

I want to thank you and your associates for the unusually handsome California Angels gold pass to Anaheim Stadium during my recent stay in San Clemente. I greatly appreciate this very thoughtful gesture. It is always a special pleasure for me to root for the home team and I would have liked very much to join you for the August 24 game. I am delighted to include this expression of friendship in my collection of special mementos and I hope to have the opportunity to watch the Angels in action during future visits to the Western White House.

With my best wishes to all of you who have honored me in this generous way,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. George Lederer^x
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1969

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Hugh Sloan
FROM: Bud Wilkinson *BW*
SUBJECT: President's Attendance at
World Series
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In my view, the President has already given sufficient time this year to baseball.

If the World Series opens in Baltimore and he would personally enjoy attending the game, I suggest that he do so. However, I do not believe he needs to attend for the PR value.