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December 26, 1968

Dear Morrie:

It was nice to hear from you again. It certainly was not necessary to introduce yourself again to a Siegel fan.

I am referring your letter to Ron Ziegler to see whether or not it would be possible to arrange something on the morning of January 22. The timing so close to the Inauguration adds to the difficulty, although you are 100 % correct in recalling Mr. Nixon's deep interest in the sport. I also have talked to Ernie Barcella and Jack Murphy regarding this.

With every good wish for the holiday season,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Morris Siegel
The Washington (Evening) Star
Washington, D.C.

cc: Ron Ziegler

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AL SILVERMAN, EDITOR

January 2, 1969

Mr. Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Assistant
Office of the President-Elect
Hotel Pierre
Fifth Avenue & 61st St.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

For the May 1969 issue of SPORT Magazine (on sale April 15) we are planning a special issue on the Centennial of baseball. It would be a distinct honor to our magazine, and give me great personal pleasure, if President-Elect Nixon would consent to byline an article on baseball for that issue.

I am thinking in terms of a personal appreciation of baseball by the President, perhaps based on his own memories of the game -- his childhood recollections of the game as a participant; his more recent feelings about baseball as a spectator. Beyond this, there could be something of the President's own feelings about the meaning of baseball to American life, its role as the "National Pastime" in the United States.

The piece needn't be long -- 1500 words would be fine -- and the theme could be developed along whatever lines most appeals to President Nixon. If you like, I could provide a writer to work with you and the President-Elect on such a piece. In any case, you would have full approval of the contents, including the title and manner of presentation in the magazine.

Just a word about SPORT. We are a monthly magazine, in our 24th year of publication, and currently have a guaranteed circulation of one million, one-hundred thousand. The median age of our readers is 21.5 but our most enthusiastic audience is comprised of teenagers, of high school and college age.

In the past we have ran prominent bylines from men in public life; the most recent was in September of 1966, a story by Vice-President Humphrey on the occasion of our 20th anniversary.

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January 31, 1969

Dear Mr. Nieman:

The President has asked me to reply to your January 27 letter. He wants you to know that he remembers your meeting in the Los Angeles clubhouse in 1962 and that he is as proud to be your favorite Republican as he is to have chosen you as his favorite Oriole.

The President deeply appreciates your generous message of congratulation and wishes you the best of good luck in the future.

With the President's regards,

Sincerely,

John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Bob Nieman
912 South Hacienda
Anaheim, California 92804

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GENERAL
ME 3/A *
LG/Mattoon
RE 2
Cox, William

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1969

Congratulations to the Association of Commerce of Mattoon, Illinois, on its successful bid to bring the 1969 Babe Ruth World Series to Mattoon. The selection committee has chosen well.

As an established baseball hotbed, Mattoon can provide both the enthusiastic fan support and the excellent facilities required for an event of this stature.

Best wishes to the members of the Association, and to all the citizens of Mattoon, for an exciting Series.

James A. Lovell

Captain James A. Lovell, USN
Consultant to the President
for Physical Fitness and Sports
NASA Astronaut

Sent 2/4/69 to:
Mr. Victor L. Smith, Chm.,
Illinois Republican State Central
Committee
200 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
Director of Information
President's Council on Physical Fitness

Date: February 5, 1969

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_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

On behalf of the
_X_ Direct reply. President.
_X_ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

NOTE

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REMARKS:

For direct reply on behalf of the President -- unless you recommend otherwise.

Description:

_X_ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: Mr. H. R. Haldeman
From: Carl J. H. Gehron, Reach, McClinton & Co., Inc., Advertising, 505 Park Ave., (New York, N. Y.)
Date: 1/24/69
Subject: Requests message for Mr. Carl E. Stotz, the founder of Little League Baseball, on 30th anniversary of the first official game of Little League in Williamsport, Pa.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Assistant

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February 18, 1969

Dear Mr. Dale:

This is in response to your letter to me, written on behalf of the twenty-four Major League Baseball Clubs, inquiring about the possibility of the President attending the All Star Game here on Tuesday, July 22nd, which will climax the Centennial Celebration of professional baseball.

While we cannot make a commitment for the President for July 22nd this far ahead, we will keep the date open with the hope his schedule then will permit him to attend. In the meantime, I would like to suggest that the new Commissioner of Baseball send in a formal invitation to the President so we will have it on record.

I am very sorry I must advise you the President will be unable to attend the first Night Game of the Cincinnati Reds on April 9th. He would certainly like to be able to do so since this will be such an important occasion for you, but his schedule in these beginning months of his Administration is so heavy he simply cannot add this engagement to his calendar.

The President warmly thanks you for extending this appealing invitation to him, nevertheless, and has asked that I convey to you his very best wishes.

With my own best wishes and cordial regard to you,

Sincerely,

Bowie Kuhn

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

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Mr. Francis L. Dale
President, Cincinnati Reds
415 Central Trust Tower
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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RE 2

February 19, 1969

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Because I handle the President's appointments, I have been asked to respond to your letter of February 4th asking if the members of the First National Bank Little League Baseball Team could meet him.

I am sincerely sorry I must advise you this cannot be arranged. The President would like to be able to receive them and other winning teams which have been brought to his attention but unfortunately, the official demands upon his time are so heavy he must forego these appointments.

The President thanks you, nevertheless, for your thoughtfulness in writing him as you did about your Little League Team and would be pleased if you would convey to them his congratulations on winning the West Windsor Township League Championship.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Melvin W. Sanders
Manager
First National Bank Team
West Windsor Little League
Route 1
Cranbury, New Jersey 08512

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GENERAL
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February 24, 1969

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of February 17th enclosing Mr. Nick F. Senter's letter regarding the possibility of the President's attending the 14th World Series of the Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.

Since Dwight Chapin handles the President's schedule, I am passing on this request to him, and I am sure you will receive word from him soon.

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to
the President

Honorable Bill Brock
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

bcc - Dwight Chapin w/incoming
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February 26, 1969

Dear Mr. Creger:

I have been asked to respond to your letter of Febrdary 21st to the President inviting him to throw out the first ball at the opening game of the Eastern League, to be held in York, Pennsylvania, on Sunday afternoon, April 20th.

The President is sincerely sorry previous commitments preclude an acceptance of your cordial and appealing invitation. He warmly thanks you for thinking of him in this instance, nevertheless, and sends you an expression of his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Chuck Creger
General Manager
York County Baseball Club, Inc.
Post Office Box 734
York, Pennsylvania 17405

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GENERAL

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RE 2

February 28, 1969

Dear Mr. Malacara:

Thank you for your letter. I was pleased to learn of your plans to form a summer recreational baseball league.

Funds for summer recreationalprograms are available through the local cities' Community Action Agencies. I would suggest that you contact the officials of this organization in San Antonio. I should point out that their funding is restricted to young people who fall below the government poverty line, and that therefore they may not be able to help you even though they recognize the value of the program you are undertaking and are sympathetic with it.

Again, may I express my congratulations to you and your associates for the splendid recreational opportunity you are planning for your young citizens.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Wilkinson
Special Consultant
to the President

Mr. Jesse Malacara, President
Ruiz Community Recreational League
1912 Vera Cruz Street
San Antonio, Texas 78207

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GENERAL
IV/1969/ST/Montgomery
WE 9
RE 2

March 3, 1969

Dear Mr. Senter:

Congressman Brock has forwarded to the White House for consideration your letter about Dixie Youth Baseball and the possibility of the President attending the Fourteenth World Series being held at Montgomery, Alabama on August 18th.

The President appreciated very much hearing about this program and how it has grown since 1961. Much as he would like to send an encouraging response to your kind and appealing invitation to come to Montgomery on August 18th, he just does not feel he can consider adding this to his heavy official schedule, and therefore, has asked that I express his regrets.

With the President's thanks to you for asking him, nevertheless, and best wishes for a most successful event and continued success in the Dixie Youth Baseball program.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Nick F. Senter
Commissioner, Dixie Youth
Baseball
Post Office Box 222
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee 37350

CC: Congressman Bill Brock

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CC: Mr. Harlow and Mr. Timmons

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March 5, 1969

The President has asked me to convey his greetings and best wishes to the delegates attending the Tenth International Congress of Little League Baseball. It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to act in his behalf.

I am confident that the decisions and policies shaped at this meeting will help to continue and strengthen Little League Baseball as a vital force in the lives of millions of young boys the world over.

Best wishes for a pleasant and productive session.

Captain James A. Lovell, USN
Consultant to the President for
Physical Fitness and Sports
NASA Astronaut

Statement mailed to:

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker

Mr. Peter J. McGovern
President
Little League Baseball
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

CC: R. m. Woods (FYI), Central Files.

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IV1/1969/ST-5 (San Diego)
RE2

March 11, 1969 Hall, Hugh A.

Dear Mr. Cordell:

This is in response to the letter which you and Mr. Hugh A. Hall addressed to the President on February 26 inviting him to attend the opening game of Major League Baseball in San Diego Stadium at 12 Noon on Monday, April 8.

Regrettably, the President's commitments at this time next month are such that he cannot accept this cordial and appealing invitation. He warmly thanks you and Mrs. Hall for your thoughtfulness of him, nevertheless, and sends you both an expression of his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mrs Charles E. Cordell
President
San Diego 200th Anniversary, Inc.
Fifth Floor
635 "C" Street
San Diego, California 92101

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Carpenter, James D.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: Mar. 12, 1969

Athn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply on behalf of President.
__X__ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

NOTE

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REMARKS:

(Photograph attached for enclosure w/your reply.)

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:
To: The President *
From: Lincoln Hackim, Pres., American Amateur Baseball Congress, PO Box 5332, / (Akron, Ohio 44313 w/encls.)
Date: 3/4/69 X
Subject: Requests msg for the 1969 Connie Mack World Series of the American Amateur Baseball Congress in Farmington, New Mexico on August 15-21.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Haaek
Assistant

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GENERAL
IV1/1969/ST5/San Diego
RE2

March 20, 1969

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The President thanks you very much for inviting him to come out to San Diego for the opening baseball game on Monday, April 8th, and is sincerely sorry his commitments are such at that time he cannot do so. He warmly appreciates your thoughtfulness and that of all those in whose behalf you wrote, nevertheless, and sends you an expression of his cordial, best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable Frank Curran
Mayor of San Diego
San Diego, California

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GENERAL
IV1/1969/ST5/Westlake Village
RE 2

March 25, 1969

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your very kind letter of March 19 and the cordial invitation it conveyed for April 12.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Ronald E. Cunningham
President
Westlake Little League
5933 Wheelhouse Lane
Agoura, California 91301

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GENERAL (1)
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RE 2

April 1, 1969

Dear Mr. Short:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of February 15th inviting him to formally open the 1969 Baseball Season in Washington on Monday, April 7th, by throwing out the first ball, and to tell you he is delighted to accept.

The President also thanks you for asking to come in on Friday, April 4th, for the annual presentation of the American League Pass. Since he will be out of town most of the week of March 31st, though, it is suggested the presentation of the pass be made to him at the opening game.

With our very best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Robert E. Short
President
The Senators
District of Columbia Stadium
22nd and East Capitol Streets
Washington, D. C. 20003

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March 28, 1969

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Because I handle the President's appointments, I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of March 18th to the President inviting him to attend the All Star Game here on Tuesday, July 22nd, which climaxes the 100th Anniversary of Professional Baseball in America, and, also, to attend the Centennial Dinner that evening at the Sheraton Park Hotel and present the ultimate Awards to outstanding teams and players who will have been selected by fans and Baseball Writers.

The President is most appreciative of your cordial and appealing invitations, but it is too soon for him to project his July schedule whereby he can make any commitment to you now. He will certainly give every consideration to them, however, when his calendar for that period is under discussion, anticipating that he can give you a definite answer by the 1st week in July.

With the President's very best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

Date: April 1, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

X_____ Direct reply.
_X_____ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

The President cannot accept the invitation extended in the attached because of his heavy official schedule.

Description:

X_____ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Mr. Herman B. Adkins, 6022 Woodview Drive, Morrow, Georgia
Date: 3/27/69
Subject: Invitation to attend, or send a representative to, the dedication of a Little League Baseball Field in honor of his deceased son, Herman Bruce Adkins, II on April 26th. The Field is to be known as the Bruce Adkins Memorial Field and will be located in the Morrow-Lake City Recreation Area, twelve miles south of Atlanta.

By direction of the President:

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

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GENERAL (2)
IV1/1969/ST9/Key Biscayne

KEY COUNCIL of KEY BISCAYNE

RE2

April 3. 1969

Dear President Nixon,

On behalf of the Key Biscayne Little League I would like to invite you to throw out the first ball to kick off our Little League season this Saturday.

Games are scheduled for 9:00 and 11:00 at the Key Biscayne Little League Ball Park.

Thank you,

Lloyde B. Owens Jr.

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Called on phone and told him schedule would not permit. 4 Apr '69 1000 CR Johnson

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GENERAL (2)
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KEY COUNCIL of KEY BISCAYNE

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GENERAL
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PR 5-2/B
RE 2

April 4, 1969

Dear Senator Case:

Thanks very much for your April 2nd note to Ken BeLieu in which you enclosed a letter from Mr. George Riemann who desires a photograph of the President and a message for Babe Ruth Baseball.

This is being brought to the attention of the appropriate office here in the White House for their handling.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,

Dale Grubb
Special Assistant to
the President

Honorable Clifford P. Case
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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DWIGHT CHAPIN

THE WHITE HOUSE

BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS I CANNOT MAKE THE OPENING GAME

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR THE INVITATION I HOPE TO MEET PRESIDENT

NIXON IN THE NEAR FUTURE SINCERELY

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~~NIGHT LETTER~~

APRIL 8, 1969

Honorable Floyd C. Miller
Mayor
Seattle, Washington

Reurtel to John Ehrlichman, sincerely sorry must express regrets to your kind invitation to the President and Vice President for April 10th. They are appreciative of your thoughtfulness, nevertheless, and send thanks and warm good wishes.

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant to the President

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PP5-2
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April 21, 1969

Dear Morrie:

My belated thanks for sending along the copies of the 1959 Baseball Writers' Association of America programs. That was quite a cover photo! I have passed them on to Tricia Nixon and Julie and David Eisenhower who greatly appreciated having them for their collection.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Morris Siegel
Dinner Chairman
Baseball Writers' Association
of America
Washington D. C. Chapter
Robert F. Kennedy Stadium
Washington, D. C. 20003

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CC: Mrs. Nixon 4/22

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April 24, 1969

Dear Mr. Luskin:

I have been asked to respond to your very kind letter of the 15th to the President asking if arrangements could be made to present him with one of the special Babe Ruth coins that are being distributed in connection with the campaign to preserve his birthplace in Baltimore and to convert it into a national baseball museum.

I am very sorry not to be able to send a favorable reply in this regard. Much as we would like to comply with this appealing request, unfortunately, the President's schedule and the official demands in the weeks ahead are so heavy that we do not foresee a time when this could be arranged.

With the President's thanks for your interest in asking, nevertheless, and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Jack* Luskin
President
Luskin's, Inc.
1125 Cromwell Bridge Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21204

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RE2

May 5, 1969

Dear Mr. Dilbeck:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your telegram and letter. Please accept my apologies for the delay.

The qualities which you hope to develop in the players and spectators of your new league are needed at this time. We wish you every success.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Wilkinson
Special Consultant
to the President

Mr. Walter J. Dilbeck, Jr.
Global Baseball League
600 Walnut Street
Evansville, Indiana 47708

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical
Fitness and Sports

Date: May 5, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

X Direct reply on behalf of the President
X Furnish information copy.

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REMARKS:

Please send attached photo of the President as enclosure to your reply. Thanks.

Description:

X Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Geo A French, Hawaii Little League Baseball, 627 N. Kalaheo Ave., Kailua, Hawaii
Date: 4/29/69
Subject: Requests testimonial re the value of Little League Baseball

By direction of the President:

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GENERAL
RE2

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May 7, 1969

Dear Mr. Killebrew:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for the information on Killebrew League Baseball, and for your concern for keeping this summer "cool." Your interest in writing is greatly appreciated.

I know that the President, being a great Killebrew fan, will also be unhappy to see you in town in other than a Senator's uniform!

With the President's best wishes for continued success,

Sincerely,

Christopher DeMuth
Staff Assistant to the President

Mr. Harmon C. Killebrew
Minnesota Twins Baseball Club
Metropolitan Stadium
8001 Cedar Avenue
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

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MINNESOTA TWINS BASEBALL CLUB

EXECUTIVE OFFICES ◆ PHONE: 869-1461 ◆ TICKET OFFICE
METROPOLITAN STADIUM - BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA 55420

ack 5/7/69

April 11, 1969

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

PM

Dear Mr. President:

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, on the CBS radio program "Face the Nation," indicated that your Office had made an inquiry as to the potential role baseball could take in "cooling it off" this summer.

I have endorsed a new and, in my opinion, unique device being marketed as the POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer. It is a relatively inexpensive item which is resulting in new baseball programs for use by young boys. For example, enclosed are Rules for Killebrew League Baseball, a variation of the usual Little League baseball program, designed mainly for seven- to ten-year old boys.

Another new game idea being developed makes use of the Batting Trainer permitting two to eight boys, in teams, to play a "mock" game of baseball in an area 10 feet by 25 feet. Use of the Batting Trainer provides the action and activity.

It occurred to me that there may be a potential use of the Batting Trainer in summer recreational programs to help "cool it off" this summer. Also, as you well know, I love the game of baseball and would like to see active participation by more young men.

Your support of baseball is always appreciated, and one thing I will miss in Washington, D. C., this summer by being in a Twins' uniform rather than a Senators' uniform is the knowledge that you will be cheering for the other side!

Sincerely yours,

Harmon C. Killebrew

Harmon C. Killebrew

HCK/ch

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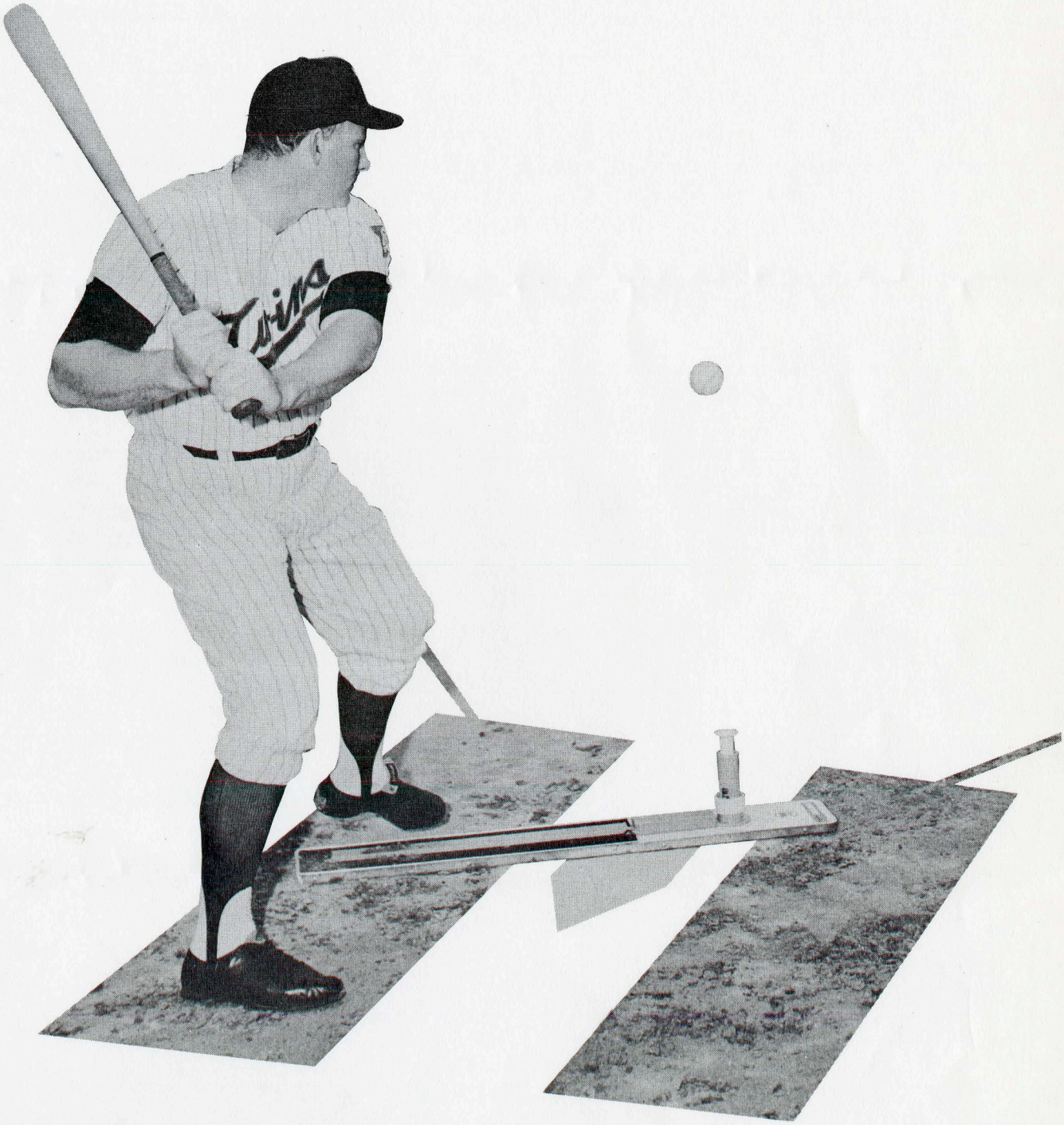
KILLEBREW LEAGUE BASEBALL



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KILLEBREW LEAGUE BASEBALL

Killebrew League Baseball is an exciting, new approach for playing baseball. It offers coaches and managers a "minor league" program specifically designed for beginning and inexperienced baseball players. City, county and church recreation directors will find it useful in baseball recreational programs.

Killebrew League Baseball may be played under the direction of local little league-type baseball as the "minor league phase" of such a program. The specific purpose of Killebrew Baseball is to give boys between the ages of 7 and 10 years an opportunity to play the game in a manner that maximizes their experience in batting and fielding. Normally, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to conduct a game that is interesting and exciting for this age group.

The chief reasons for this problem are that most pitchers in this age group find it difficult to pitch into the strike zone, and if the pitcher is able to consistently get the ball into the strike zone, most batters this age have difficulty hitting the pitched ball. The result: a game of "catch" or a game of "walks."

Killebrew League Baseball is played with the pitcher simulating a pitched ball. In other words, the pitcher will take his windup, simulate delivery, but not pitch a ball. The HARMON KILLEBREW POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer provides the active game ball. (CAUTION: The pitcher simulating the pitched ball should not overexert himself resulting in damage to his arm. See the explanation in Game Rules.)

Here Is How It Works

(1) Batter takes normal batting stance with lead foot depressing the foot pedal of the HARMON KILLEBREW POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer.

(2) Batter fixes his gaze on the pitcher.

(3) Pitcher then simulates pitching the ball. (See CAUTION in Game Rules.)

(4) Batter reacts automatically and simultaneously to the pitcher's simulated delivery by taking a stride with his lead foot.

(5) Simultaneously, batter transfers his eye-gaze from pitcher to contact zone.

(6) The HARMON KILLEBREW POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer will have projected ball into the contact zone for the batter to hit.

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(7) Batter watches ball hit the bat. (Coach or manager encourages all players to do this.)

(8) When ball is hit, batter runs the bases following Killebrew League Baseball Game Rules.

Killebrew League Baseball and the use of the POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer permit the younger boys to gain maximum experience in hitting, fielding and base running, eliminating the tedious and uninteresting game of "catch" or "walks."

EVERY BALL A STRIKE! ACTION ON EVERY PITCH!

For additional information regarding active Killebrew League Baseball programs or procedures to establish such Leagues, please contact:

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

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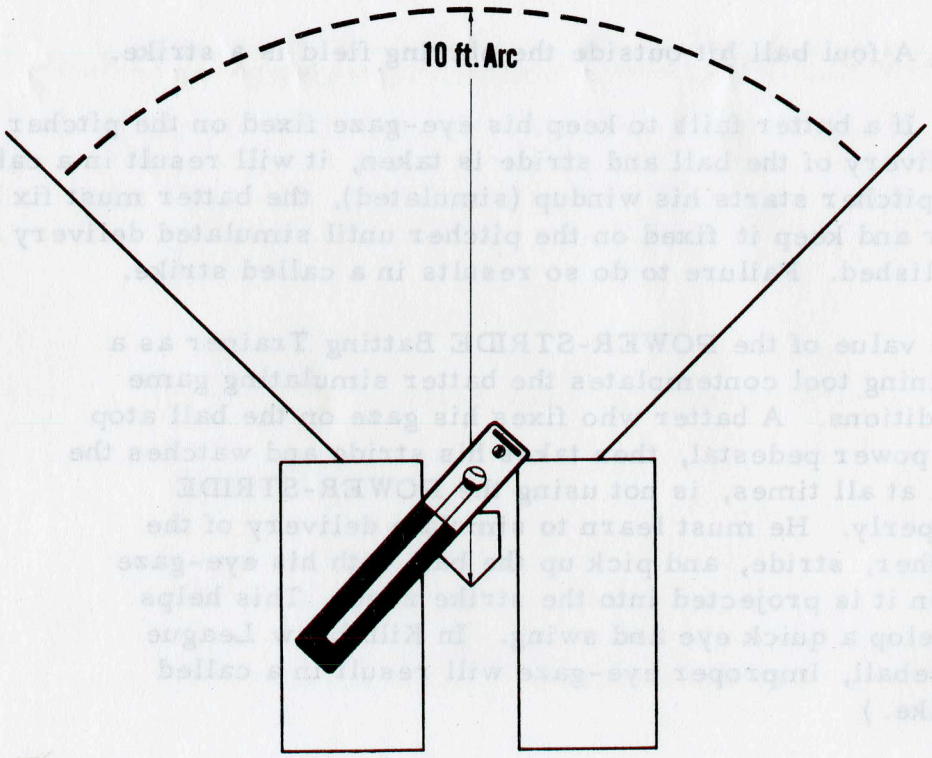
GAME RULES

All games will be played with/under Official Little League, or similar, rules, with the following exceptions:

I. Field

An arc with a 10-foot radius (center point being front edge of home plate) will extend from foul line to foul line in home plate area.



II. Playing Rules

A. Fielding Rules:

(1) In order for a ball to be in play, it must travel beyond the 10-foot arc.

(2) Where the ball is not driven past the arc, it shall be called a strike. The ball is dead and treated as a ground foul ball, unless it is the third strike. A ball hit within the 10-foot arc on the third strike is an out. No runner may advance.

(3) If a ball is popped up within the arc, it is considered a live ball and may be caught for an out the same as any pop-up fly ball.

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(4) Once the batter has prepared to hit (i.e., depressed the power pedestal and taken his batting stance on the POWER-STRIDE), the catcher must remain behind the plate. Failure to do so will be treated as catcher interference, and the batter will be allowed to take first base.

(5) The infield fly rule DOES apply. If a man is on first base, and the batter pops-up to the infield, the batter is automatically out.

B. Strikes:

(1) If the batter swings and misses, it is a strike.

(2) A ball not driven outside the 10-foot arc is a strike.

(3) A foul ball hit outside the playing field is a strike.

(4) If a batter fails to keep his eye-gaze fixed on the pitcher until simulated delivery of the ball and stride is taken, it will result in a called strike. When the pitcher starts his windup (simulated), the batter must fix his gaze on the pitcher and keep it fixed on the pitcher until simulated delivery and strike are accomplished. Failure to do so results in a called strike.

(NOTE: The value of the POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer as a training tool contemplates the batter simulating game conditions. A batter who fixes his gaze on the ball atop the power pedestal, then takes his stride and watches the ball at all times, is not using the POWER-STRIDE properly. He must learn to simulate delivery of the pitcher, stride, and pick up the ball with his eye-gaze when it is projected into the strike zone. This helps develop a quick eye and swing. In Killebrew League Baseball, improper eye-gaze will result in a called strike.)

C. Batter:

(1) A HARMON KILLEBREW POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer is used to project the ball into the contact zone for the batter.

(2) The batter may adjust the POWER-STRIDE to project the ball into any area of the contact zone desired.

(3) The POWER-STRIDE is placed so that the power pedestal which projects the ball into the air is located within the hitting zone desired by the individual batter. For example: the batter may choose to hit a ball out in front of the plate, or some other area, in an attempt to place the hit ball to a particular area of the ball field. The batter must remain in the batter's box and swing from that position.

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D. Use of HARMON KILLEBREW POWER-STRIDE Batting Trainer:

(1) For plays at home plate (e. g., runners scoring from third, catchers fielding either ground or fly balls, etc.), the POWER-STRIDE must be removed from the playing area. This is done by attaching a small line of either nylon or similar material to the POWER-STRIDE.

(2) The line will be sufficiently long to reach to the home team (the "at-bat" team), on-deck circle, or long enough to keep the next batter safely from the home plate action.

(3) The on-deck batter will be responsible for removing the POWER-STRIDE from the home plate area during plays at home plate. This can be accomplished by pulling the line attached to the POWER-STRIDE. Failure to do so will result in an automatic out.

E. Base Running:

(1) No player is allowed to steal any base.

(2) A runner may lead off first and second base a maximum of three (3) feet. The three (3) foot limit should be marked on the base paths with white field marking chalk.

(3) No lead off third base is permitted. This allows time for removal of the POWER-STRIDE from the home plate area as a play develops.

III. Equipment

A. Official Little League type balls, or approved balls, may be used. However, each league should be consistent as to the type of ball used.

B. Helmets will be worn by all batters, runners, and the catcher.

C. Use only tennis, or official little league type shoes. No metal spikes or cleats are permitted.

IV. Team Rules

A. Lineup shall be submitted by manager no later than five (5) minutes before game time.

B. Lineup shall consist of all boys that show up to play, with those coming late being added to the end of the lineup.

C. All teams will use four (4) outfielders and shall consist of 10 players.

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D. All games shall consist of five (5) innings, with each inning consisting of three (3) outs per team.

E. All players must play at least one and one-half (1-1/2) innings per game.

V. Umpire

A. At least one (1) umpire must be used in all games.

B. The umpire is responsible for calling all strikes and ruling on all plays in the field.

C. It is suggested that the umpire be positioned directly behind the pitcher's mound.

VI. Pitcher

A. Killebrew League Baseball contemplates a simulated pitch by a pitcher. CAUTION: The pitcher should take his windup and make his delivery in a relaxed manner. Throwing one's arm too hard without actually throwing a ball can result in permanent damage to the elbow or arm. Do not permit the pitcher to overexert his throwing arm while simulating the pitch.

B. Pitcher must simulate the pitch from the pitcher's mound.

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PR14-1

May 12, 1969

Dear Allen:

President Nixon asked me to thank you for your letter concerning the opening baseball game of the Washington Senators. He can appreciate your interest in obtaining the glove which he used at that time, since he is an avid baseball fan himself. However, all of the items which are presented to the President on occasions such as this are placed in the Presidential Archives, and will one day be included in the Presidential Library. I know you will understand the reasons why it is not possible to comply with your request.

Perhaps you would enjoy having the enclosed booklet. It comes with the President's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the President

Allen Young
192 Crescent Avenue
Gibbstown, New Jersey 08027

Enclosure

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192 Crescent Ave.
Gibbstown N. J.
April 9, 1969

d/s-8

Dear Mr. President,

I Noticed in today's paper, the Washington Post a picture of you throwing out the first ball for the opening game of the Washington Senators. I was wondering what was usually done with the glove you use.

Is there any possibelity that this glove is given to someone as a souvenir? If there is, I would be very happy to recieve it.

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Thank you for your time to read this letter. I would like to hear from you.

Your Friend Always,
Allen Young

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RE2

May 16, 1969

Dear Mr. McKean:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your very kind letter and the cordial invitation it conveyed.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. John McKean
Chairman
National Junior College
Baseball Tournament
127 North Fourth Street
Grand Junction, Colorado

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

GENERAL

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MA 2/B*

REFERRAL

To: Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical Fitness

Date: June 6, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

On behalf of the
X Direct reply. President
X Furnish information copys (2)

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

B. Lee Morgan

Description:

X Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: Mr. William E. Timmons, The White House
From: Cong. Herman T. Schneebeli
Date: May 26, 1969
Subject: of Shamokin, Pa.
Requests letter from the Pres. for Stanley A. Coveleskie for being selected to Baseball Hall of Fame. Requests letter by July 3.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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RE2

June 9, 1969

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the annual Republican-Democrat Congressional Baseball Game. I will bring it to his attention when he returns tomorrow, and Dwight Chapin will let you know whether the President's schedule can be worked out so that he can attend.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc w/inc to Dwight Chapin

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IF AND WHEN RECEIVED, THIS LETTER SHOULD BE FORWARDED June 12, 1969 COPY OF THIS LETTER.

MAIL ROOM

Dear Kay:

This is to thank you for your letter of May 15 to the President inviting him to attend the Babe Ruth World Series in Mattoon, Illinois, in August.

Although it is not possible for the President to send an acceptance to you, he is nonetheless appreciative of your thoughtfulness and sends you an expression of his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Kay Dorner
508 Crestmore
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

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RE 2

June 12, 1969

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Dear Jerry:

Many thanks for your June 5 letter requesting a message of goodwill to the teams participating in the Netherlands Baseball Federation games later this month.

I have channeled your request in the hopes an appropriate message can be transmitted to these teams.

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Office of the Minority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: Eliska

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GENERAL
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REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness
Attn: Verle L. Nicholson

Date: June 17, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

__X__ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
__X__ ~~Undersigned's~~ Mr. Wilkinson's signature.
_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_____ Direct reply.
_____ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: Dwight L. Chapin
From: Nick F. Senter, Commissioner, Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc., PO Box 222, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
Date: June 11, 1969
Subject:

Requests message for up-coming Dixie World Series to be held in Montgomery, Alabama August 18. Needed as soon as possible for printing.

By direction of the President:

by messenger

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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RMN MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

During the past 12 years I have been coaching and teaching. I am now teaching at Montgomery Blair H.S. in Silver Spring, Maryland. Recently the program director at radio station WJMD-FM in Bethesda, Md. asked me if I would like to have a sports interview program on his station. I was very pleased to accept this part-time position, particularly since WJMD never had a sports program.

My program began Monday June 16, 1969 at 5:55 p.m.. Last Thursday night, June 19, I tried my darndest to get the one interview that would mean more than all the others put together. When you walked around your car to leave the Senator - Oriole game, I tried to reach you with my tape recorder wrapped around my neck but secret service agents stopped me when I was about three feet away from you. Of course, that adventure was the main topic of conversation among our teachers and coaches.

Mr. President, do you think it might be possible for me to meet with you for about 15 minutes and record an interview regarding physical fitness and athletics? I would like to ask you the following questions:

1. No other President has gone out to the stadium to see a regular season major league baseball game, why have you done so this year?

2. I am unhappy about the trend of more & more education administrators curtailing the opportunities for Jr. high school & Senior high school boys to participate on interscholastic athletic teams, and their constant propaganda that winning is not important & that athletics is a very insignificant part of the school program. How do you feel about this?

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3. Do you think the day will come when we will actually get a sports arena in the Washington, D.C. area?

4. Do you have any all-time sports heroes?

You know, of course, that I look forward to hearing from you or someone on your staff.

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Sincerely,

Don Newbery

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July 3, 1969

The President has asked me to send his greeting and best wishes to the young athletes participating in the 1969 Dixie World Series. He has also asked me to express his appreciation to the sponsors, volunteer workers, and baseball fans who make this event possible.

As a long-time baseball fan, he knows that baseball provides for young Americans not only thrills and excitement but also a sense of sportsmanship and teamwork which will benefit them on and off the field.

Best wishes to all of you for an exciting and successful championship series.

Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.

Bud Wilkinson
Special Consultant
to the President

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cc Bud Wilkinson/Bill Gavin/E. Hasek/CF

Requested by Mr. Nick F. Senter; approved by J Keogh
DUE: ASAP (Printing) - EVENT: August 18, 1969
Statement sent to: Nick F. Senter, Commissioner - Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc., Post Office Box 222, Lookout Mountain, Tenn. 37350

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NAME Mr. George Lederer

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FINAL ACTION Presidential letter to Mr. Lederer

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GENERAL
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July 12, 1969

IV1/1969/ST13 (Chicago)

Dear Mr. Dubinski:

I want to acknowledge your letter of June 30 to President Nixon.

It is not possible to foresee what the demands on the President's schedule will be during the World Series, so I am sorry we cannot promise to comply with your request. I am sure, however, that your home team would be glad to know they have such staunch support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr Phillip Dubinski
2814 West Henderson Street
Chicago, Illinois 60618

Chicago Cubs

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Phillip Dubinski
2814 W. Henderson Street
Chicago Illinois 60618

June 30, 1969

President Nixon
White House
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Nixon,

The Chicago Cubs have been out of a World Series far longer than the Republican party has been out of power. But each team has its year--you in 1968 and the Cubs in 1969.

If you cannot use the complimentary World Series tickets that will be sent to you, may I have the home game tickets of the Chicago Cubs?

Otherwise, I do hope you will attend the games instead of going off to Florida or California. At a Cub game, I assure you, you won't be bothered by presidential duties.

Very truly yours,

Phillip Dubinski

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July 15, 1969

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Dear Mr. Stanton:

The reception to be held at the White House the night of the all-star game is for visiting players and sports dignitaries.

But we do appreciate your writing to us, and want to thank you for sending to the President the copy of Football News.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Roger Stanton
Sports Director
WWWW
2930 East Jefferson
Detroit, Michigan 48207

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

GENERAL

REFERRAL

ME 3/L*

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: July 24, 196

Attn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

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_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

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__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Dick Doty, Pres., Doty/Fenton/Meyer, Inc., 3100 E. Oakland Pk., Beach, (Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. w/encl.)

Date: 7/21/69

Subject: Requests message of encouragement for players in the Little League and Senior Little League southern regional playoffs being held during the latter part of July through August 9th.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL
BE 2
FG 6-11-1 / Hughes, James
FG 6-11-1 / Gulley, Bill

July 24, 1969

Dear Mr. Laughter:

Colonel Hughes asked me to thank you for the baseball tickets. As you know, the President was unable to attend when the game was postponed and actually departed Washington at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday.

The tickets passed through several hands, as many of those who planned to go were unable to do so as they had to accompany the President. The four tickets were used by my four sons for which I thank you. I will be glad to reimburse you for the amount they may have cost you.

Sincerely,

BILL GULLEY
Administrative Assistant to the
Military Assistant to the President

Mr. Cy Laughter
319 Leo Street
Dayton, Ohio

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CY LAUGHTER
319 LEO STREET
DAYTON, OHIO 45401

July 15, 1969

Col. James D. Hughes
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Don:

Here are the tickets for the game. They were given to me.

Was pleased to get something done for you. Please call me anytime.

Sincerely,

Cy Laughter

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RE 2

July 24, 1969

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 20th to the President inviting him to be your guest at the Washington Senators-International League All-Stars Baseball Game in Louisville on August 7th.

Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated but, unfortunately, the President's commitments for August 7th are such that he is unable to send an acceptance to you.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Kenneth Anderson
861 Parkway Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40217

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GENERAL
PR 18
RE 2

July 30, 1969

Dear Mr. Rice:

The President has asked me to thank you for your very kind letter of July 18. He was pleased you enjoyed your tour of the White House and hopes you will be able to visit again.

As you may have heard, the President's reception for the "baseball greats" last week was very successful. It had been raining on Tuesday, however, and the postponement of the All-Star game forced the President to miss it.

Thank you very much for writing. The President appreciates your kind comments.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Bruce E. Rice
Sports Director
Meredith Broadcasting Company
Kansas City Broadcasting House
125 East 31st Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

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July 31, 1969

Dear Mr. Steers:

This is to thank you, on behalf of the President, for your letter of July 20 and for the cordial invitation it conveyed to him to attend the Invitational Tournament which the Junior League of the Rockville Boys' Baseball Association is holding the weekend of August 8.

Although it is not possible for the President to accept this appealing invitation, he wanted me to express his appreciation for your thoughtfulness and that of all those in whose behalf you wrote for asking him and to send you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Edward Steers, Jr.
5903 Holland Road
Rockville, Maryland 20851

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August 4, 1969

Dear Mr. Acheson:

The President has asked me to tell you that he appreciates your thoughtfulness in sending him the copy of the Metropolitan Little League Baseball Yearbook for 1969. He wants you to know that he is grateful for your kindness and support.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Alvin R. Acheson
President
Metropolitan Little League Baseball
Post Office Box 2441
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

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METROPOLITAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 2441
Santa Fe Springs, Calif. 90670

June 3, 1969

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

Dear Mr. President,

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that we present to you, herewith, a copy of our year book for 1969.

As you are no doubt aware, Little League Baseball, by virtue of legislation signed into law by President Johnson on July 16, 1964, has been granted a Congressional Charter of Federal Incorporation--No other sports organization has been so honored by the Federal government and we here at Metropolitan Little League are proud to be a part of this organization.

The first words of the Little League Pledge read as follows: "I trust in God, I love my country and will respect its' laws....". It is the sincere hope of all of us here in Metropolitan Little League that our boys will understand and practice the true meaning of these words; not only now but most certainly as adults; for from the ranks of these young boys will come the leaders, the future strength and character of this great nation.

Respectfully,
Alvin R. Acheson
Alvin R. Acheson
President

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LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

I trust in God
I love my country
and will respect its laws
I will play fair
and strive to win
but win or lose
I will always do my best

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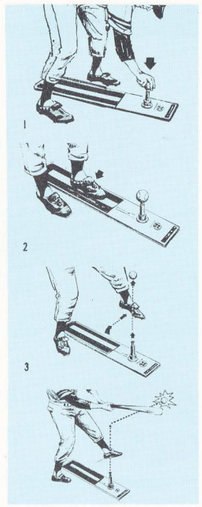

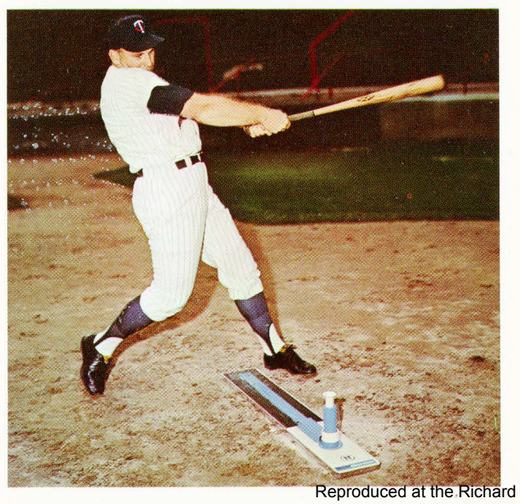

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The President also thanks you for inviting him to an Orioles' game in Baltimore but, with the plans he has to go out to California soon, does not foresee a time when he could do this.

With the President's best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

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Dear Al:

A letter similar to the copy of the one attached was sent to 25 persons at baseball teams throughout the country, from a list sent us by Joe Reichler. Under separate cover was sent a small memento, which was attractively gift-boxed.

I want to thank you for all you did for me and for our staff while you were here. It was great having you with us, and you were more than generous in giving Lydia and me such a nice wedding present. She had very much hoped to complete her set of china, and your place setting made that possible.

Thanks again, Al. Come back soon.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Odle, Jr.
Staff Assistant to the
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Albert Harutunian, Jr.
1715 Grand Avenue
San Diego, California 92109

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

GENERAL

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To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: August 21, 1969

Attention: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:

_____ President's signature.

_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply on behalf of President

__X__ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

by Capt. Lonell

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: Mr. Steven Bull

From: Mr. Marvin Milkes, Gen. Man., Seattle Pilots, Sicks' Stadium, 2700 Rainier

Date: 8/14/69 (Ave., S., Seattle, Washington 98144)

Subject: Requests a letter of congratulations from President to Tommy Harper for his baseball accomplishments to be read at the Stadium on the night of August 23.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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August 23, 1969

Dear Mr. Walters:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your very kind letter and your suggestion about a ballgame with him and his Cabinet.

Although it will not be possible for him to do this, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Eddie Walters
Route 1, Box 252
Green Springs, Ohio 44836

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August 26, 1969

Dear Larry:

Many thanks for your letter of August 19th requesting that the President send messages to the Santa Clara Colt League and the Boys Baseball, Inc., in connection with the Pony League World series.

I have put this in the mill, in the hopes that we might be able to comply.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Laurence J. Burton
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: Eliska Hasek w/incoming

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August 27, 1969

Dear Mrs. Jansen:

We appreciate your interest in writing to the President about the recent Boy Scout Jamboree held in Idaho and you may be sure that the President shares your view that nothing can be more important for our country than its young people. He would have liked very much to be able to attend the Jamboree; however, as I am sure you understand, arrangements for his travel are not simple, particularly because of the elaborate communications systems which must accompany him and of the security arrangements required. These details present no problems at the White House or elsewhere in Washington, but they must be carefully considered whenever a trip is proposed. Such factors as airport capacity and equipment, the availability of accommodations for the group which must accompany the President, and refueling and service facilities influence the President's itineraries, especially when the demands of his schedule require him to be present elsewhere at a fixed time.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. B. W. Jansen, Jr.
244 Burnam Street
Kendallville, Indiana 46755

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Critical of Pres. attending baseball game instead of Boy Scout Jamboree

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244 Burnam St.
Kendallville, Ind. 46755

July 22, 1969

Richard Nixon
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President,

All day long I have been hearing on TV and radio news reports that you will be attending the All Star Baseball Game tonight. It has been said in our locality that you are doing for baseball what former President Eisenhauer did for golf.

I am sure you realize, or someone has certainly brought it to your attention, that tonight is the closing of the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Farragut State Park in Idaho. Since when is a baseball game more important than thirty thousand of the "YOUTH OF OUR NATION"?

A National Scout Jamboree is held once every four years. How often do we have baseball games? I have a husband and son attending this Jamboree. They have taken fifteen days and our family vacation to be there and I know it will be most disappointing to them that you will probably send a substitute. Other Presidents in the past have made the effort and to our Scouts, it has been the high point of the entire Jamboree.

I don't suppose this letter will ever reach your attention, but I would like an explanation. I can understand you are a very busy man but thirty thousand of our youth are part of your business and I have been taught that it is "business before pleasure". Business I can excuse, but not baseball. You are our President and high in our esteem, not to be criticized, and if I am out of line, I am sorry but my personal feelings are that one of your duties is our youth---the future men of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

LaVon V. Jansen

Mrs. B. W. Jansen, Jr.

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August 21, 1969

Mr. President,

This was written sometime ago and not mailed---
Since you keep referring to the "Youth of our Nation"
and having someone to "look up to", believe it still
has merit.

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Nixon Enjoys Needling Grove, Has Great Time at His Baseball Reception

By MILTON RICHMAN

WASHINGTON (UPI) —Richard M. Nixon likes to needle a little.

He found a time prime target in Lefty Grove, officially designated the greatest left-handed pitcher in history and the type of performer whose annual season record generally was something like 28 and 2.

"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 sensitive about every single defeat in his hey-day.

Proud as always, Lefty Grove, 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 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 commnications director.

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

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.'

Richard Nixon showed he followed all the clubs, even Montreals expansion Expos, mired deep in the National League's East 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 alright."

Nixon displayed particular sympathy 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."

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 ever happened before."

It never had.

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

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Nixon Visit

FARRAGUT STATE PARK, Idaho—Shaking hands the special Boy Scout way is even more complicated these days with the top brass of the National Scout Jamboree that opened here Wednesday. Most of them are walking around with crossed fingers.

The wishing sign is over the report that hopes for an appearance at the Jamboree by President Richard M. Nixon is still alive. At least Irving Feist, president of the Boy Scouts of America told newsmen Wednesday "We are still hopeful" Nixon can make it.

"We are still hopeful that the President will be here," Feist said. "But the splashdown and proposed breakfast with the astronauts has made it difficult to schedule."

It has been expected that if the visit can be arranged it will be on Saturday as the President is en route to the Pacific for the splashdown.

The BSA president also said he got up early Wednesday to watch the takeoff of the astronauts on the Apollo 11 flight and noted "All three have had scout experience. . . . It's an example of what scouting can do for these boys. This kind of experience makes them more resourceful."

Referring to Jamboree scouts, Feist said that looking around the camp "certainly makes me feel the boys in this generation are great. I believe there is no generation gap. . . . We elders are 'with it' . . . we understand youth."

The Spokesman-Review, Thursday, July 17, 1969.

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NIGHT LETTER X

August 27, 1969

Mr. Bernie Milligan, Administrator
California District 14
Little League Baseball, Inc.
11341 Valley Spring Lane
North Hollywood, California

Reurlet August 23d, the President sincerely regrets his schedule will not allow him the opportunity to receive the Republic of China's Little League Baseball Team. He wants you to know he is nonetheless appreciative of your thoughtfulness in contacting him as you did.

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

HWS, Jr.:mhr

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August 29, 1969

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Although it was not possible for him to attend the luncheon announcing the publication of "The Baseball Enclyclopedia," the President wants you to know he did appreciate your thinking of him and, also, that he is most appreciative of your courtesy in forwarding him a copy of this reference book.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. George Bennett
President
Bennett Public Relations, Inc.
136 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

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PR 6
Jackson, Reggie

September 11, 1969

Dear Mr. Moudy:

On behalf of the President, I wish to thank you for your thoughtful letter.

The President appreciated your invitation to participate in the contest for your listeners and asked me to express his regrets that he was not able to do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Dale Moudy
General Manager
KNBR-AM/FM
Fox Plaza
The Civic Center
San Francisco, California 94102

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1969

FOR: Margita White

FROM: Gyneth Christenson

Regarding the attached correspondence, Mr. Wilkinson feels the President should not get involved.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1969

FOR: Charles B. Wilkinson

FROM: Margita White MW

I would appreciate your advice concerning a response to the attached.

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KNBR-AM/FM
NBC RADIO, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
FOX PLAZA, THE CIVIC CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102, 626-6700

August 15, 1969

DALE MOUDY
General Manager

AUG 18 1969

Director of Communications

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President Richard M. Nixon
San Clemente, California

Dear Mr. President:

KNBR is the originating station for the Oakland Athletics' baseball games. We are conducting a contest for our listeners in connection with Reggie Jackson's home run drive.

We will draw names from cards and letters sent in, and someone will go to bat with Reggie every time he appears at the plate. If he hits a home run, the listener wins $100.

Because of your expressed interest in Reggie Jackson, it occurred to us that you might like to enter the contest.

Very truly yours,

Dale Moudy

Dale Moudy

DM:ckw

P. S. It may be possible for you to listen in San Clemente to the A's night games with a good receiver which would eliminate interference from XTRA on 690. KNBR is on 680 with 50,000 watts.

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September 17, 1969

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

The President has asked me to reply to your kind letter to him of September 8 in reference to the World Series which will begin on October 11.

As you know, the President is a real baseball fan and was certainly grateful to you for inviting him to throw out the first baseball at the opening game of the Series. He is sincerely sorry that we are unable to send you a favorable reply, but the demands of the official schedule preclude the possibility of his being there. He wants you to know, however, how much he appreciates your invitation and he sends you his thanks.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

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

HWS:bf

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GENERAL

RE2

September 12, 1969

Dear Mr. Ruch:

The President was pleased to receive your recent letter concerning the possible use of baseball to promote greater international goodwill and understanding, and he wants you to know how much he appreciates your interest in letting him have your thoughtful suggestions. Baseball has become popular in many countries around the world, and you have indicated, and a large number of American players spend the winter season with teams in other countries.

As a fellow baseball fan, the President shares your hope that our national sport can continue to bring men of different nations still closer together.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harold H. Ruch
540 East Evergreen Avenue
Wyndmoor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118

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Suggestion for Stadiums

HAROLD H. RUCH
540 EAST EVERGREEN AVENUE
WYNDMOOR, PHILADELPHIA
PENNSYLVANIA 19118

9/1/69

Hon Richard M Nixon
President of the United States

Dear Mr President

You have given evidence of being a sport fan. Perhaps, therefore, you will find an opportunity in the following suggestion to combine this interest with international goodwill.

NM

Now that Canada (Montreal) has been admitted to the National Baseball League the so called "World Series" has a slightly broader meaning.

How about using your position (and that of the State Department) to encourage an annual series which includes teams from Latin America, the Philippines, Japan & other countries, that are now proficient in that game. To a limited extent this has already accomplished much through the "little leagues" but it seems to me to have considerable potential if done at the professional level.

I do not mean to have the Government or any of its bureaus become involved in this other than to suggest (and encourage) the American Professional Leagues to undertake it themselves - and thus open the door for a really true "World Series"

Yours Harold H Ruch

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GENERAL
GI 2-15/B+
RE 2

September 29, 1969

Dear Mr. Blankenship:

You were very kind to send the President the medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of the "Cincinnati Reds" and he asked me to thank you for this thoughtful gesture. Because he is such an avid sports fan, he was particularly pleased to receive this memento and will be happy to add it to his collection of sports items.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. R. J. Blankenship
Post Office Box 6513
Walnut Hills Station
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

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GI 2-8/K
RE 2

October 1, 1969

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Two copies of "The Baseball Encyclopedia" recently came to the President's attention and he wanted me to let you know how much he appreciated receiving them. He feels that David will also find this book most enjoyable and a great source of information on the subject of baseball, both past and current, and they join in sending you their warm thanks.

With the President's very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the President

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

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BASEBALL

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
680 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

BOWIE K. KUHN
COMMISSIONER

TELEPHONE 212-265-6200

October 2, 1969

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you would enjoy seeing the First Day Cover of the Professional Baseball Centennial Stamp, which I am sending to friends of Baseball throughout America. This includes the Congress, executive departments, sports writers, sportscasters, baseball executives and players.

All of us in Baseball appreciate the issuance of this Centennial Stamp as a wonderful tribute to our game. I feel certain that Americans everywhere share this view.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Bowie Kuhn

BKK/ms

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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GE 2-5/T *
RE 2

October 7, 1969

Dear Bob:

This will acknowledge and thank you for sending the President the First Day Cover commemorating the 100th anniversary of professional baseball.

I am sure he can appreciate the disappointment of all of you that your Cincinnati Reds could not pick up those extra four games to top the Western Division of the National League. Nevertheless, I know he will appreciate having this cover from their home town.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to
the President

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Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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RE2
PR7-2/A

October 9, 1969

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that your close friend, Frank Sancet, Baseball Coach for the University of Arizona, meet with the President on behalf of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches in January.

I will be most happy to see that your endorsement is placed in the proper hands here.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. BeLieu
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Paul J. Fannin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

KEB:eme

cc: Mr. Dwight Chapin -- for further reply

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October 9, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN

From: Ken BeLieu

RECOMMEND:

Accept:_____

Regret:_____

Request of Sen. Fannin

Hugh

Cong. office seems to be sending their mail through us now before dispatch.

Ok to let this go on out?

H. C. D.

yes
Haven TD ltr for P
mtg with Am Assn
of College Baseball
Coaches.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

rec'd 10/6/69 in pouch mail

September 18, 1969

Mr. Kenneth E. BeLieu
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Congressional Relations
The White House

Dear Ken:

Attached is a copy of the letter I received today from Frank Sancet, Baseball Coach at the University of Arizona, on behalf of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

Mr. Sancet has more winning teams than almost any coach in the nation, and is a close personal friend of mine and Barry Goldwater's.

I recommend the President try to find time in his schedule to meet with this nationally prominent group.

My very best personal regards.

Cordially,

Paul

Paul J. Fannin
United States Senator

PJF:mav

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
TUCSON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION
OFFICE OF THE BASEBALL COACH

September 15, 1969

SEP 18

Dear Paul:

This next January 8, 9, 10 and 11th the American Association of College Baseball Coaches will have their annual convention in Washington at the Mayflower Hotel.

As part of the convention, it is my responsibility to arrange a clinic to last for one evening and two days. Each year the major league team at the convention site puts on a luncheon and furnishes some of their players during the clinic. The Washington Senators have agreed to do this for us.

Along with the luncheon and a tour of the ball park, they are hoping to arrange a tour of the Government buildings. Members of my committee in the Washington area are hoping to persuade President Nixon to meet the touring coaches for just a few minutes. They have asked my help in contacting anyone I might know to intercede with Mr. Nixon for us. I understand this might be impossible, but there is no harm in trying. Baseball coaches from every section of the United States will be there, and such a meeting would be a thrill to last them a very long time.

Paul, if there is anything you can do to arrange this meeting it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Sancet

Frank Sancet
Baseball Coach

Honorable Paul Fannin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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RE2

October 10, 1969

Honorable Thomas J. D'Alesandro III
Mayor
City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your telegram to him inviting him to attend the opening game of the World Series on October 11. The President's plans are still uncertain, but he appreciated hearing from you and sends you his very best wishes.

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

HWS:bf

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IV1/1969/ST32/New York City
RE2

October 11, 1969

Dear Mr. Smith:

The President was very pleased to receive your gracious letter of the 8th and both he and Mrs. Nixon greatly appreciate the invitation from you and Mrs. Smith to be your guests at the third game of The World Series on Tuesday, October 14th, at Shea Stadium.

Regrettably, it is not possible for them to accept because of other commitments, but the President and The First Lady want you and Mrs. Smith to know they warmly thank you for your thoughtfulness and send you an expression of their very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Honorable Francis X. Smith
The President of the Council of
The City of New York
New York, New York 10007

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PR7-2/A*

October 13, 1969

Dear Mr. Esposito:

Mr. Chapin has asked me to write to you concerning the annual convention of the Association of American College Baseball Coaches which will be held in Washington on January 8-11.

Although the President was deeply grateful to receive your thoughtful invitation, it will not be possible for him to participate in the convention or to arrange for a presentation at the White House. His schedule is such that he must send his regrets, as much as he would like to take advantage of your kind offer. He has asked me to convey his sincere thanks and very best wishes for a most successful meeting.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. William E. Esposito
Soprts Information Director
St. John's University
Grand Central and Utopia Parkways
Jamaica, New York 11432

JOHN KAISER

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CC. Senator Barry Goldwater
bcc. Ken BeLieu

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FG 6-11-1

October 21, 1969

Dear Bob:

For each of the men, I will say thank you for the First Day covers commemorating the 100th anniversary of professional baseball. Perhaps we should use these as a reminder to keep batting at least .500.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

bcc: William E. Timmons - FYI

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ROBERT TAFT, JR.
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CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202
TELEPHONE: (513) 684-3284

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
TELEPHONE: (202) 225-3164

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 15, 1969

Mr. Bryce Harlow
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bryce:

I am enclosing, for your group there, some baseball stamp cachets. I am sorry we neglected you the first time around.

Personal regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Taft, Jr.

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GENERAL
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RE 2

Bob Prince

Pittsburgh

307 Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222 391-7673

October 23, 1969

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my belated thank-you note for your courtesy to me and my colleagues during the All-Star Game. It was a great pleasure to meet you again and to have had the chance to visit with you, all too briefly, in the White House.

I spoke to my Uncle Henry about our brief remarks, and I informed him that you were most complimentary about him and his Law Firm. He has been in failing health of late, but he was immeasurably pleased that you did speak so well of him and the Law Firm.

I have often heard that when you left the office of Vice President you had seriously considered a partnership in his Firm in Los Angeles. I am delighted that you saw fit to serve our Country and even more delighted that the Country saw fit to elect you to the highest office in the Land.

I am now entering my 25th year of broadcasting for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and you may rest assured I shall never miss an opportunity to promote and, hopefully, enhance that which you are doing for baseball and what you are trying to do for the people all over the world.

I trust that this letter finds you and your family enjoying the very best of health.

Sincerely yours

Bob Prince
Pittsburgh Pirates

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GENERAL
IV1/1969/ST20(Baltimore)
REZ

October 27, 1969

Dear Bob:

Of course, I was disappointed that the President could not attend the opening game of the World Series -- and disappointed at the hard luck of the Orioles. Though being Number Two to the Mets could delight no one, you and the team have every reason to be proud of and take delight in the fact that you are Number One in a great league, in a great city, and to a great many fans.

Your taking time out to plan for the possibility of a visit by the President was very much appreciated. Certainly, the White House press were disappointed they did not have an opportunity to test your hospitality.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

J. Bruce Whelihan
Staff Assistant

Mr. Robert Brown
The Baltimore Orioles
c/o Municipal Stadium
Baltimore, Maryland

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GENERAL
ME 3/S * (5)
RE 2
IV1/1969/ST14 (Indianapolis)

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical
Fitness and Sports

Date: October 28k 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

On behalf of the President.

X Direct reply.

X Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

NOTE

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REMARKS:

Description:

_____ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other: Nightletter

To: The President
From: Jim Kleifgen, Indianapolis, Ind.
Date: 10/27/69
Subject: Requests message for NOVEMBER 1 presentation of City Championship Baseball Awards to the Southside Saints.

By direction of the President:

by messenger
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Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL

ME4-1/R*

RE2

October 29, 1969

Dear Roger:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the President send a message to Mr. Edd Roush as he is inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Your request has been forwarded to the proper person in hopes that we will be able to comply.

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Roger H. Zion
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
WET:pw
bcc: Eliska Hasek

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GENERAL
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical
Fitness and Sports

Date: November 4, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

On behalf of the President.

X Direct reply.

X Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

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REMARKS:

Description:

X Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Matt Schmit, Chairman, 8409-29th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140
Date: 10/31/69
Subject: Requests message for December 3 testimonial banquet in honor of Ray Berres, retiring pitching coach of Chicago White Sox, sponsored by Kenosha Aerie No. 1055, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL
IV1/1970/ST13/Chicago
RE3

November 14, 1969

Dear Mr. Banks:

The President was pleased to receive your kind letter of October 30, and wants you to know how much he appreciates your courtesy in taking the time to write as you did.

While he cannot say, of course, so far in advance what his schedule for next October will be, the President does indeed appreciate your invitation to come out to Chicago and he certainly will remember this.

With the President's best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Ernie Banks
Bob Nelson/Ernie Banks Ford, Inc.
7600 South Stony Island Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60649

HWS:MR:sle

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1969

To: Dole 5396

GENERAL

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PR7-2/K

RE2

MEMORANDUM FOR Bud Wilkinson
General Haig

Bowie

RE: Request that the President see Commissioner Kuhn to hear about his trip to Vietnam.

The President should____ should not____ see him.

Someone else should____ Who?_____

COMMENTS:

Up to President

HK

My staff will do

Thank you.

Hugh

HUGH W. SLOAN, Jr.

JOSEPH L. REICHLER

Nothing else sent to Control Files as of 1-2-70

W.R.

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RE 2

December 15, 1969

Dear Mr. Reichler:

Since I assist with the President's schedule, Herb Klein has referred to me your letter concerning the recent trip of Commissioner Kuhn to Vietnam.

It was very thoughtful of you to write suggesting that the President meet with Mr. Kuhn to discuss his visit with our troops, and I regret that we are unable to send a favorable reply. Because of the heavy demands of the President's official schedule, it is not possible to arrange an appointment as suggested. He wants you to know, however, that he appreciated your writing in this regard and sends you his thanks and best wishes.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Joseph L. Reichler
Director, Public Relations
Office of the Commissioner of Baseball
680 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

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GENERAL
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RE 2

January 5, 1970

Dear Mr. Graboyes:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your cordial invitation for April 26.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Arnold Graboyes
President
Wilson Park Little League, Inc.
Post Office Box 1333
Vallejo, California 94590

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RE2

January 8, 1970

Dear Sirs:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your cordial invitation for January 14th.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

X
Adirondack Industries

Dolgeville, New York 13329

HWS:MR:lcc

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RE 2

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: Jan. 28, 1970

Attn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply. on behalf of President.
__X__ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Sam Suplizio, Chairman, NJCAA Tournament Committee, 127 No. 4th Street/
Date: 1/22/70 (Grand Junction, Colorado 81501 w/encls.)
Subject: Requests msg and photo for their 12th annual United States Junior College Baseball Tournament on May 28, 1970.
Chamber of Commerce, Colorado

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

White House
Cons relations

HANS G. TANZLER, JR.
MAYOR

February 2, 1970

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
32202

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

Dear Mr. President:

The citizens of Jacksonville will join me in extending the hand of international goodwill to the people of Montreal on February 17. The occasion will be the inauguration of Jacksonville, the largest, All-America City in the United States, as the Minor League Headquarters for the Montreal Expos Baseball Club.

At a baseball dinner at 7 p.m. on February 17, in the George Washington Hotel we will mark this occasion and we will also honor Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves, a former Jacksonville baseball player. It will be a most auspicious occasion for baseball.

This letter is to respectfully invite you to share this occasion with all of us as our guest. If your schedule does not permit you to be in Florida at that time perhaps it would be possible to send an appropriate message to your many friends and the many friends of baseball in Jacksonville, the Bold New City of the South.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HANS G. TANZLER, JR.
MAYOR

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

GENERAL
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IVI/1970/ST9/Jacksonville
RE 2
CO28

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: Feb. 5, 1970

Attn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply on behalf of President.
__X__ Furnish information copy.

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_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

X* Montreal Expos

Description:

Hank Aaron

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President
From: Hans G. Tanzler, Jr., Mayor, Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Date: 2/2/70
Subject: Requests message of greetings to baseball dinner on Feb. 17th.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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RE2

February 25, 1970

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the correspondence of Mr. Lincoln Hackim, President of the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

The request for a Presidential message citing the American Amateur Baseball Congress, for inclusion in the Official Program of the Connie Mack World Series to be held August 21-27, has been submitted to the proper office here in the White House. The message will be sent directly to Mr. Hackim, in the event that this request may be complied with.

Enclosed please find a photograph of the President which was also requested by Mr. Hackim.

Sincerely,

BILL

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable William Ayres
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: Eliska Hasek w/inc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical
Fitness and Sports

Date: March 5, 1970

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_____ Direct reply.
_____ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

__X__ For comment. AND ADVICE.

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REMARKS:

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other: (with enclosure)
To: Mr. William Timmons
From: Congressman William H. Ayres
Date: 2/18/70
Subject: Forwards request from Lincoln Hackim, Pres., American Amateur Baseball Congress, Akron, Ohio, for message for Connie Mack World Series Official Program, which would also cite the Congress. Event is August 21-27 -- NEEDED EARLIER FOR PRINGTING.

By direction of the President:

By messenger

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL
PR14
RE2

March 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Bulson: , JIM

I have been asked to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter to President Nixon.

After a thorough search of available records, I find that the Vice President and Mrs. Nixon did, in fact, attend the opening game for the Baltimore Orioles on April 15, 1954. However, I have no information as to whether or not he threw out the first ball.

Perhaps someone in the office of the Baltimore Orioles could answer your question.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

DEK:cmf

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GENERAL
IU1/1970/FG106
RE 2

March 16, 1970

Dear Mr. Davis:

This is to thank you, on behalf of the President, for your invitation to him to throw out the first ball at the opening game of the Orange County Community College Baseball Team which will be played in Washington on March 27.

Although it is not possible for the President to accept your invitation because of other commitments, he wants you to know he very much appreciated your thoughtfulness of him in this instance. He also has asked that I tell you that he is grateful for your expression of confidence in him.

With the President's very best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Yogi Davis
15 Dolson Avenue
Middletown, New York 10940

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GENERAL
FG, 11-9-70
PE 2

March 17, 1970

Dear Cy:

The President's schedule is such that it looks impossible for him to attend the opening game this year. If the situation changes, I'll keep your suggestion in mind.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Dwight

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

x

Mr. Cy Laughter
Laughter Corporation
Dayton, Ohio 45401

DLC:ny

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GENERAL
IV/1970/575/Imperial Valley
RE2

Post Office Box 504
El Centro, California
March 29, 1970

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RMN MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER

The President
The White House

My dear Mr. President:

Imperial Valley has been selected to host the Babe Ruth World Series for 1970. We are extremely pleased to be given the opportunity to serve the youth of our country and in a small way do our part to establish in their hearts and minds the true American way of life - God, Country and Family.

Under the able chairmanship of Mr. Ed Wiest we are building a fifty thousand dollar stadium, all donated money, time and labor. It is very heartwarming to see the united community effort behind this project - everyone has a job and a job for everyone.

On August 19th we will host a banquet for fifteen hundred boys and adults, the Series officially opens August 20th before an expected five to eight thousand people.

My job, Mr. President, is to extend to you a very warm and sincere invitation to be our Honored Guest on one of the aforementioned nights. We feel your presence would be a wonderful surprise and inspiration to the boys and increase the adult interest to work harder for the Babe Ruth Cause.

We are aware Mr. President of the tremendous responsibilities you carry on behalf of all Americans and how limited your time is, however Mr. Wiest and I are holding the good thought you might be in the "California White House" in August, therefore making it easier for you to accept if you so desire.

My Prayers and best wishes are with you always.

Very respectfully,

Lucille Purdy
(Mrs. Bert R. Purdy)

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Home - 714-352-0959
Off - 714-344-1143

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IV1/1970/ST37/Klamath Falls
RE2

March 31, 1970

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you, on behalf of the President and Mrs. Nixon, for the kind invitation you have conveyed to them for September 5th to September 10th.

Regrettably, it will not be possible for the President and The First Lady to be with you on this occasion. They warmly appreciate your thoughtfulness of them, nevertheless, and send you an expression of their best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harold D. Howard
President
Klamath Falls American Legion Baseball Series Commission
Post Office Box 314
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: March 31, 1970

Attn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

_X_ Direct reply. obh of President.
_X_ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

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_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

_X_ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:
To: The President
From: Peter J. McHale, Pres., Linglestown Baseball Association, PO Box 6177 / (Linglestown, Pa.)
Date: 3/24/70
Subject: Requests msg of greetings be sent to their annual baseball program being held on May 9th.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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Peter J. McHale, President

GENERAL
IVi/1970/ST356/Cincinnati
RE2

April 6, 1970

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of March 18 inviting him to attend the Major League All Star Game on July 14th in Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am sorry to have to report that the President's schedule is such that he will not be able to attend the game, as much as he would like to do so. He very much appreciated your thoughtful invitation and asked me to convey his thanks and warm regards to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

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

HWS:bf

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GENERAL (2)

IV1/1970/ST20/BALTIMORE

LG/BALTIMORE

RE2

April 11, 1970

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The President was pleased to receive your kind invitation to attend the first public viewing of Babe Ruth's Birthplace in Baltimore on Friday morning, April 17th, and also to be present for the first game of the Baltimore Orioles and the New York Yankees to be played that evening.

Although the President would like to be able to accept your invitations, he already has such a full schedule outlined for April 17 he is unable to do so. He wants you and all those in whose behalf you wrote to know, though, he greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness of him and that he sends you an expression of his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Honorable Thomas J. D'Alesandro III
Mayor of Baltimore
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

HWS:MR:mec

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: April 14, 1970

Attn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply. obh of President.
__X__ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

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_____ For comment.

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(Please enclose attached facsimile of President's signature.)

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Mary S. White, RN, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, School House (Lane, Phila., Pa. 19144)

Date: 4/8/70

Subject: Requests autographed card from President; also requests msg of greetings for school's athletic banquet being held on April 29th.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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BE2

April 16, 1970

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter to the President inviting him to attend the 1970 All-Star Baseball Game to be held on July 14, 1970, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In checking with the President's appointment secretary, I find that a letter expressing the President's regrets was sent to Mr. Bowie K. Kuhn. I am sure you understand that with the heavy demands of his official schedule it is not possible for him to accept many of the invitations he receives.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Donald D. Clancy
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: Dwight Chapin-FYI

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CONGRESSIONAL SCHNEIDER

GENERAL
PR 16
RE 2

April 21, 1970

Dear Mr. Fy: Ray

Mr. Timmons has asked me to reply to your letter of April 8, inasmuch as I had made the arrangements for the Congressmen to attend the baseball game.

There was a great deal of problem attached to White House representation at the opening game of the Washington Senators. A crucial vote was in progress on Capitol Hill. For that reason, the President and Vice President elected not to go. It then became the prerogative of the owner of the Club, Bob Short, to invite whomever he pleased in their place. Mr. Short extended the invitations to the official group and, as it turned out, the President did attend part of that ballgame. At the last minute, I was able to obtain tickets for Congressmen Schadeberg and Wilmer Mizell. Henry C

We arranged for their transportation to the stadium and arranged for an escort to accompany them to the game. It is unfortunate that they were not seated in the same box as the President. We regret that the Congressmen were not seen with the White House group; however, that matter was not within our purview.

It is regrettable also that the Congressmen were required to use the bus and taxicab since we sent a White House car to the stadium to take them back to their offices or their homes. Our driver waited almost one hour trying to find the Congressmen and then returned to base because they were not available.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

Date: April 24, 1970

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply. On behalf of the President.

__X__ Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

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_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Herbert S. Clark, Program Book Chairman, 116 Meridan Ave., Trenton, N. J.

Date: 4/21/70

Subject: Requests message for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Babe Ruth League Baseball Tournament, AUGUST 7-14, being hosted by the Ewing Township (N.J.) Babe Ruth League; needed by JUNE 1 for printing.

1 By messenger

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL
PR14-6
RE2

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your note concerning your forthcoming book about Ernie Banks. I am looking forward to reading it.

I wish I could help with your request. However, it will not be possible to obtain a foreword from the President. There is a general policy against forewords and similar statements which might be interpreted as endorsements of commercial ventures. I know you will understand that to make one exception would open the flood gates and that this in no way reflects on the President's interest in the subject matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herbert G. Klein
Director of Communications
for the Executive Branch

Mr. Jim Enright
8031 S. Phillips Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60617

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GENERAL
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May 5, 1970

Dear Specialist Eggen: John R.

President Nixon sincerely regrets that the great volume of mail has delayed acknowledgment of your March letter. He wants you to know, however, how much he appreciated your writing to him about the Long Binh theater group and the part it has played in lifting the morale of our fighting men.

The President is grateful for the service of your group and for your expressions of support. Each one of you has his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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GENERAL

IV1/1970/ST32/COPPERSTOWN

RE2

May 7, 1970

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of April 27th in reference to the Hall of Fame ceremonies in Cooperstown, New York.

As you know, the President was pleased to be invited to attend and speak at any of the events which will be held on July 25, 26, and 27 and is very sorry that he cannot be with you. Because of the commitments of the President's official shhedule for the summer months, we are unable to add these ceremonies to his calendar. The President is grateful to you for making this suggestion and sends his thanks and kind regards.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

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

HWS:bf

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness
Attention: Mr. Verle Nicholson

Date: June 2, 1970

ACTION REQUESTED

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_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

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REMARKS:

Description:

__X__ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other:

To: Rose Mary Woods
From: William Rich, Jr., Pub. Info. Director, Babe Ruth Baseball, 524 1/2 Hamilton (Trenton, New Jersey 08609)
Date: May 26, 1970 (Rich)
Subject: Request P to send letter of congratulations to the participants of their 19th annual world series being held in Calif. in August . (ltr to be included in their program book)

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL (2)

IVII/1970/ST 16/OTTAWA

RE 2

June 3, 1970

Dear Mr. Kuntz:

The President was pleased to receive your cordial invitation to open the Kansas State Babe Ruth All-Star Tournament on August 1st.

Although he would like very much to be able to do this, the full schedule already outlined now and in the coming months and the continuing heavy official demands on the President's time make it impossible for him to accept your invitation. He wants you and all those of the Ottawa Babe Ruth League to know he is nonetheless grateful to you for thinking of him in this instance and that he sends you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Gary Kuntz
President
Ottawa Babe Ruth League
Apartment 2
1020 Willow
Ottawa, Kansas 66067

MR:lrc

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GENERAL (3)
IV/1970/ST43/Lubbock
RE 10
RE 2

June 11, 1970

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This is to thank you, on behalf of the President, for your kind invitation to dedicate the new Babe Ruth Baseball Complex in Lubbock should he come to the Coaches' All-Star Football Game on June 27.

Regrettably, it is not going to be possible for the President to come to Lubbock on June 27 because of his heavy official schedule. He wants you and all those in whose behalf you wrote to know he was nonetheless appreciative of your thoughtfulness of him and that he sends you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Billy R. Fisher
President
Babe Ruth Leagues of Lubbock
Post Office Box 6065
Lubbock, Texas 79413

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Babe Ruth Leagues of Lubbock

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FG 6-11-1/Hughes, James D

June 17, 1970

Dear Paull:

Thank you for your note and the gracious reiteration of your offer of tickets for a Senators' game.

When my staff heard of your magnanimity they immediately began planning an "evening at the ball park."

I would appreciate it very much if the box could be available on July 16th for the night game with California, or, as an alternative, July 17th. It seems that things should be relatively slow on those dates and most of the staff could attend.

Thank you again for your kind offer.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

JAMES D. HUGHES
Brigadier General, United States Air Force
Military Assistant to the President

Mr. J. Paull Marshall
Suite 212
300 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

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June 18, 1970

Dear Mr. Iacocca:

The President was very pleased to receive your kind invitation to attend the Detroit Tigers-Minnesota Twins baseball game on August 2, when Detroit and organized baseball plans to pay tribute to Al Kaline.

Although he would like to be able to join you on this occasion, the continuing heavy official demands on the President's time make it impossible for him to accept your invitation. He wants you to know, though, he greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness of him and that he sends his warm greetings and very best wishes to Al Kaline and all those who will gather to honor him on the 2d of August.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Lee A. Iacocca
Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

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DWIGHT CHAPIN

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

DEAR MR CHAPIN:

I AM ACTING UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MR EWING M KAUFFMAN PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS BASEBALL CLUB IN HIS DESIRE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT NIXON TO ATTEND THE DECICATION OF THE NEW KANSAS CITY ROYALS BASEBALL ACADEMY AT SARASOTA FLORIDA ON AUGUST 29 THIS YEAR.

THE ACADEMY IS WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL AN INSTITUTION OF SUCH UNUSUAL CHARACTER AS TO PROVOKE OUR BELIEF THAT THIS CALL UPON THE PRESIDENTS TIME AND ENERGIES MIGHT BE FAVORABLY VIEWED.

DIGNITARIES OF BOTH FLORIDA AND MISSOURI WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING THE GOVERNORS AND SENATORS. THE2-

LOOKFORWARD TO A FAVORABLE REPLY AND TO THE PRESIDENT TOSSING THE DEDICATORY BASEBALL SINCERELY

PHIL A KOURY LEGAL COUNSEL

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GENERAL

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July 17, 1970

Dear Mr. Steers:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your cordial invitation for August 7th to August 9th.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Edward X Steers, Jr.
5908 Holland Road
Rockville, Maryland 20851

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X Rockville Hall of Fame Invitational Billiard Tournament

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PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON
WHITE HOUSE WASHDC
AS A NATIVE OF ORANGE COUNTY AND A LOYAL BASEBALL FAN, WE KNOW YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING BEAUTIFUL ANAHEIM STADIUM. WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR PARTY TO ATTEND A GAME DURING YOUR SAN CLEMENTE STAY. MAY WE SUGGEST SEEING THE CALIFORNIA ANGELS PLAY THE WASHINGTON SENATORS. NIGHT GAMES THIS COMING FRIDAY
3 AND SATURDAY STARTING AT 8PM. DAY GAME AT 1PM SUNDAY. NEW YORK YANKEES NEXT WEEK. SECURITY WILL PRESENT NO PROBLEM. MAY WE HOST YOU IN THE EXECUTIVE BOX? MOST CORDIALLY
MAYOR JACK C. DUTTON 714-533-5611
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July 23, 1970

Dear Dr. Anderson:

It was thoughtful of you to let the President know of your interest in using the letter he wrote to Mr. Harmon Killebrew on November 20, 1969 in the book you are preparing about Mr. Killebrew. You have the President's permission to use this letter in the book provided that Mr. Killebrew agrees.

With the President's appreciation for your kind and encouraging comments and his best wishes,

Sincerely,

James Keogh
Special Assistant
to the President

Wayne J. Anderson, Ph. D.
Professor of Family Living
30B Nicholson Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

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UNIVERSITY OF *Minnesota*

GENERAL COLLEGE
106 NICHOLSON HALL · MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55455

July 16, 1970

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

Dear Mr. President:

Harmon Killebrew has authorized me to write a book on his life and baseball career. In his files he has a letter dated November 20, 1969 in which you congratulated him for being selected as Most Valuable Player in the American League. Harmon would like very much to use your letter in the forthcoming book if you feel inclined to grant permission.

We all appreciate the tremendous responsibilities you carry as the President of our nation and pray that you will be guided in directing its affairs for the good of all.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne J. Anderson

Wayne J. Anderson, Ph.D.
Professor of Family Living
30B Nicholson Hall

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ZIEGLER, RONALD

July 24, 1970

Dear Mr. Reichler:

Many thanks for the clipping about the time issue at the All-Star Game. I'm glad we laid that matter to rest.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and Commissioner Kuhn. You were very thoughtful to send the Baseball cuff links, which I'll wear with pride.

Withebest wishes,

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Ziegler
Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joseph L. Reichler
Director, Public Relations
Office of the Commissioner
680 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

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SANDY REISS YOUTH FOUNDATION

(NON-PROFIT - NON-SECTARIAN)
P. O. BOX 3511
VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91405

PRESIDENT
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RUTH WINTERS

HONORARY CHAIRMAN
IDA LUPINO

July 26 1970

President of the United States.

Mr President Nixon

For 7 weeks I500 youngsters among them were orphans underprivleged,and some fatherless,were to be told that the day they were to attend the game at Anaheim Stadium to witness the awards that they have waited all year for to be presented to their favorite players,was not to take place due to your attending the game.

Their busses after coming from distant places were turned back and told if they waited for an hour after you were seated only then were they permitted to be seated

Those poor youngsters cried so,they were not able to understand that our Chief was there and all neccessary percaution had to be takenfor the game.

I am enclosing a press release to explain why it was so important to them.

I doubt if this letter will ever get to you chances are one of your aids will toss it in the waste basket.So please who ever you are that reads this letter please send me a note to show the children that their President is a human being and had no intention of spoiling their only big day in baseball

Yours Truly

Sandy Reiss

P.S. I am enclosing information on the other function of the foundation Thank You and May GOD GO WITH YOU ALWAYS

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July 29, 1970

Dear Friends:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your cordial invitation for July 25.

Although it was not possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and to send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Members of Tustin Eastern
Little League, Inc.
Tustin Memorial School
Tustin, California 92680

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W.R.

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July 30, 1970

Dear Mr. Dale:

Shortly after the President's recent departure for San Clemente, the photograph that you wanted him to have arrived at the White House. It was very kind of you to send him this excellent picture, taken when he and Mrs. Nixon attended the All-Star game, and I know he would want me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. Francis L. Dale
President and Publisher
Cincinnati Enquirer
617 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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In 1/1970/ST 35/Cleveland
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July 31, 1970

Dear Mrs. Stieber:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your very kind letter of the 17th concerning his attendance at the All Star Game in Cincinnati.

It was thoughtful of you to write as you did and also to send the bulletin about the Baseballes Picnic Supper on the 29th which we hope turned out to be a most successful event.

The President wanted me to express his appreciation to you for taking the time to write, along with his warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Helen Immel Stieber
Twelve Thousand and Thirty-one
Edgewater Drive
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

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Golden Daily Transcript

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279-5541 (303)
P. O. BOX 32
GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401

July 26, 1970

Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
Summer White House
San Clemente, California

ACTION
TO
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REPLY REQUIRED
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OTHER
PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

Dear Mr. President:

Having lived in California practically all of my adult life and having having had the extreme pleasure of meeting you in 1962 at rhe Los Angeles International Airport, I feel as though I know you very personally.

I have spent some 10 years in Los Angeles as a radio sports announcer on the three major networks and all through my broadcasting career, I have worked very closely with the young americans into whom the good lord has put so much talent, and only waiting for the likes of myself, along with the many other adults, to bring that goodness out and give these young people their rightful spot in the "Sun."

Just 2 months ago I moved out here to Golden, Colorado, about 19 miles west of Denver, where I took over the sport editor's position on the Golden Daily Transcript.

I'm still keeping my promise to my good friend and benefactor, Art Linkletter, who gave me my start in radio, by helping our young Americans.

Here in Golden, we have a championship Midget baseball team, winners of the Atlantic League.

We are paying tribute to this fine group of outstanding Young Americans by way of an awards banquet, Monday, August 3rd.

To one of the boys, I am presenting the 1st Annual, Golden Transcript - Fred Kessenich - Inspirational Trophy.

Knowing that you, Mr. President, will be in Denver that afternoon, might I prevail upon you to make the 20 minute ride to our great City of Golden to help pay tribute to this type of young american whom I'm certain shall help guide the destinies of this great nation, as we would like it guided, in the years that follow.

FRED C. KESSENICH

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IV1/1970/ST38/JOHNSTOWN

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July 30, 1970

Dear Friends:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your cordial invitation for August 19.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Johnstown Oldtimers'
Baseball Association
AAABA Publicity Bureau
Post Office Box 277
Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15907

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THE ORANGE, CALIF., LIONETTES
C/O MR. DONALD E. PORTER
THE HOLIDAY INN
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

THE PRESIDENT AND I SEND YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR AN ENJOYABLE TOUR OF JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST. BASED ON YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THE 1970 WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL PROVE YOURSELVES WORTHY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN SPORT. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK.

bc: Eliska Hasek

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Cons to the Pres for Phys Fit & Sports 26526 Aug. 14, 12:05 PM

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REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: August 28, 1970

Attn: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

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_X_ Direct reply. PRESIDENT
_X_ Furnish information copy.

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_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

_____ For your information.

_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

_X_ Letter: _____ Telegram; Other:

To: The President
From: Paul C. Miller, 714 Pine Valley Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Date: 7/30/70
Subject: Requests President send a letter to the members of the Wilimington Optimist Little League.

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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GENERAL
ME 3/W*
IV1/1970/ST30/Wayne
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September 1, 1970

Honorable Newton E. Miller
Mayor of Wayne
Wayne, New Jersey

Due to official commitments in California, the President is unable to attend the dinner honoring the Wayne World Champion Little League Baseball team at Wayne Manor tomorrow evening.

The President thanks you for your kind invitation and sends his warm greetings and best wishes to the Wayne Little League Team and all those who will gather to honor them.

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

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PRESIDENT NIXON

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

MR PRESIDENT ?

THE FOX VALLEY LASSIES WILL BE PLAYING IN THE NATIONAL SOFT BALL TOURNAMENT IN CLEVELAND 3RD 4TH 5TH 6TH OF SEPTEMBER REPRESENTING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WOULD APPRECIATE A TELEGRAM OF GOOD LUCK OR BEST WISHES TO THE COACH IN CLEVELAND ON FRIDAY MORNING IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THE TEAM KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THIS. COACH BILL SHERWOOD CARE HOWARD JOHNSONS CLEVELAND AIRPORT AREA CODE 216-267-2350. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION YOUR TELEGRAM WILL BE VERY WARMLY FELT AND WILL BE A GREAT MOTIVATION HOPEFULLY ENABLING US TO CAPTURE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SINCERELY YOURS

LARRY DAVIS ST CHARLES PARK DISTRICT

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: President's Council on Physical Fitness Date: Sept. 4, 1970

Attn: Mr. Verle Nicholson

ACTION REQUESTED

_____ Draft reply for:
_____ President's signature.
_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

__X__ Direct reply. obh President.
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_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

(For direct reply by Captain Lovell on President's behalf unless otherwise recommended.....since this memo does not mention why Bob Allison is being honored.)

Description:

_____ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other: (WH Memo)

To: Memo For the Record
From: Marjorie F. Wicklein
Date: 9/2/70
Subject: Minnesota Twins Baseball Club requests Presidential msg be sent to "Bob Allison Tribute Day".....Sept. 9, 1970.

1 By special WH messenger
No later than 2 PM today
Rec'd Aug 11:45 am today

By direction of the President:

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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To: Mr. Verle L. Nicholson
President's Council on Physical
Fitness and Sports

Date: September 4, 1970

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_____ Undersigned's signature.

_____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

On behalf of the President.
X Direct reply.
X Furnish information copy.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.

_____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

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_____ For comment.

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REMARKS:

For a reply on behalf of the President -- unless you particularly recommend a Presidential.

Description:

X Letter: _____ Telegram: Other: (with enclosures)

To: The President
From: James W. Thaxton, President, Sports Films & Talents, Inc., 4940 Viking Drive, (Minneapolis, Minn. 55435)
Date: 8/31/70
Subject: Requests messages for OCTOBER 9 awards dinner honoring 6 youngsters who won the "Run Throw Bunt Hit" baseball program sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants. Youngsters & fathers will receive free trip to World Series.

By direction of the President:

1 By messenger

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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November 2, 1970

Dear Mr. Piledggi:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 21 on behalf of the Sports Fans of America, Inc.

The President as a sports fan himself is very much aware of the values and discipline inculcated by participation in athletics and also knows how many millions of young men and women in America better themselves and their communities through athletics and through sports organizations. The Little Leagues are certainly an outstanding example of such community betterment.

The President sincerely appreciates hearing from you.

Cordially,

Leonard Garment

Mr. Dominick E. Piledggi
President
Sports Fans of America, Inc.
P. O. Box 3109 Catonsville Branch
Baltimore, Maryland 21228

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MEMORANDUM

In 11/19/70 (Oklahoma City)

November 25, 1970 BE 2

Dear Mr. Porter:

The President was very pleased to receive your kind invitation to take part in the official ground-breaking ceremonies for the National Headquarters and Hall of Fame of the Amateur Softball Association of America, to be held in Oklahoma City on Saturday afternoon, December 19.

Although he would like to be able to join you on this important occasion, the heavy official demands on the President's time make it impossible for him to accept your invitation. He wants you to know, though, he greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness of him and that he sends his best wishes for a highly successful program to mark the beginning of the construction of this building.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. D. E. Porter
Executive Secretary
Amateur Softball Association
4515 North Santa Fe
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

MR:rba

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GENERAL

IV1/1970/ST5/Chico

December 28, 1970 RE 2

Dear Mr. Bord:

Thank you, on behalf of the President, for your cordial invitation for December 28-30.

Although it will not be possible for him to be with you, the President wanted me to express his thanks for your thoughtfulness in asking him and best wishes for a successful occasion.

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Tony Bord
Publicity Director
Associated Students
Chico State College
Chico, California 95926

HWS:MR:lml

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