

4605 So. 48th Street
Milwaukee 20, Wisc.
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Dear Mr. Allen,

Why does Atlanta hate Milwaukee?
At first when I found Atlanta
was trying to get our Braves I
thought it was because Atlanta wanted
big league baseball. Now I know
it must be more than that. You
must have something against
Milwaukee.

I don't have anything against
any city that wants major league
baseball. It really adds to a city,
but why do you want the Braves
and only the Braves? Recently I
read in one of our papers that you
said you wanted only the Braves,
and that if they were forced to
stay another year in Milwaukee,
you would wait for them.

Please tell me why you won't
accept any other franchise. Wouldn't

getting any team be good enough²
for Atlanta? If there was league
expansion you most certainly
would get a team (in a legal and
ethical manner!) What does the
Milwaukee Braves team itself
mean to you?

It seems to me that if Atlanta
was only interested in baseball
as a sport, it would be satisfied
to get any team it could call
"our hometown team."

Please tell me, why does
Hank Aaron mean more to Atlanta
than Willie Mays? Why does Warren
Spahn mean more to Atlanta than
Whitey Ford? Why does Rico Carty
mean more to Atlanta than Richie
Allen?

Ask any little boy in Milwaukee
who he wants to grow up to be like
and most likely the answer will
be Hank Aaron or Eddie Mathews.
Ask why and you'll probably

"been" because he's the best base^{ball} player in the whole world and he's on our team." Kids in Milwaukee just naturally grow up idolizing men like this because they're a part of Milwaukee in every way and they've done more for Milwaukee than most citizens.

This is why Hank Aaron means more to Milwaukee than Willie Mays. This is why Warren Spahn means more to Milwaukee than Whitey Ford. This is why Red Catty means more to Milwaukee than Richie Allen.

Why doesn't Atlanta want a team they can build up from scratch as Atlanta's and only Atlanta's team, as the Braves are Milwaukee's and only Milwaukee's team. Your city will be much prouder of a group of guys if it can say "These have always been our idols, we

made them great!"

Milwaukee made the Braves "great" and no one, not even Atlanta, can take that away from us. Please Mr. Allen, tell me, if you can, why you think Atlanta could proudly say "The Braves are our team," when you and the whole world knows the Braves will always be the Milwaukee Braves because we made them what they are.

Has Atlanta no pride?

Sincerely, one of the
Braves greatest fans,
Patricia Leahy
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