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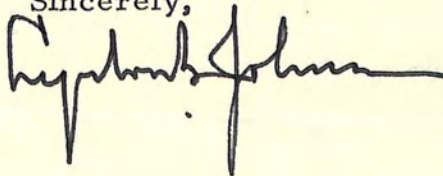
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am very grateful to you for your warm invitation to watch the Atlanta Braves open the National League baseball season against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the new Atlanta stadium.

This is a visit I would truly love to make, but unhappily I am already committed to the opening of the baseball season here in Washington on April 11. As a result, I have had to carry over many appointments on that day to April 12.

Many times what a President does is often decided by what he must do. Thus, I send you my warmest best wishes for a successful baseball season in Atlanta. Although I cannot be with you in person, my thoughts will be with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndon B. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Georgia