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Mr. N. H. Knorr President Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society 124 Columbia Heights Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Mr. Knorr:

May I first explain that due to contractual agreements the Atlanta Braves have preference in scheduling events at Atlanta Stadium during the base-ball season. At no time during the present season have we had a period of ten consecutive days without an event being scheduled.

Because of this, it has been necessary to consult with the Atlanta Braves as to the availability of the stadium for ten days during the 1969 season. The Braves have given this matter considerable thought and have held several inter-organizational meetings concerning the matter.

It is now the Braves studied opinion that they would be reluctant at this time to release the stadium for a ten consecutive day period in 1969. This is due not only to the National Baseball League schedule, but also because of the National Professional Soccer League of which the Atlanta Chiefs is a member. There are now tentative plans to increase the soccer schedule, and as mentioned above, the present soccer schedule does not permit a ten day clear period.

It is with much regret that the above is reported to you. The Authority, as previously mentioned, is contractually handicapped in this matter, and at the present time can offer no solution other than a change in dates to include the early spring or the fall of 1969.

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May I add that the Mayor, City of Atlanta, the Atlanta Convention Bureau and this Authority are extremely interested in having your meeting here in 1969. It is certainly hoped that something can be worked out.

Sincerely,

Sidney Scarborough Stadium Manager

cc: Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor, City of Atlanta Richard A. Cecil, Atlanta Braves
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