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Dr. William McClelland, Chairman
Allegheny County Board of Commissioners
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. McClelland:

When I called your office today to extend a verbal invitation for you and Mrs. McClelland to come to Atlanta when the Braves and Pirates open on April 12, I was sorry to learn that you were ill. I hope that this letter finds you fully recovered or at least well on the road to recovery. We want you to be in good health for your trip to Atlanta.

The playing of the first major league baseball game in the Southeast in our new Atlanta Stadium is an historic event. Fulton County and the City of Atlanta joined together to underwrite the revenue certificates issued for the construction of our new \$18 million dollar, 55,000-seat Stadium. Many important activities have been planned to honor the Braves and the Pirates and your participation is greatly desired. On Monday, April 11, at 8:00 p.m. a dinner for the Braves will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. We would like for you to be among the head table guests. On Tuesday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. there will be a big parade in which we plan for you to ride. At 7:00 p.m. we would like you to participate in the pre-game ceremonies at the Stadium. We would like for you and Mrs. McClelland to be our guests and accommodations have been reserved for you at the Marriott Hotel. You may be interested to know that Governor and Mrs. Scranton and Mayor and Mrs. Barr have been invited to participate in the festivities also.

Since Allegheny County and Pittsburgh have been a major league community for many years, I am sure you appreciate the great importance of the advent of major league sports to Atlanta and the Southeast. We want you to join us for this important event and we look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely,

Archie Lindsey, Chairman
Fulton County Commission

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