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Dear Ben:

Some members of the Louisiana domed stadium authority are planning to visit Atlanta on April 13 for the opening of the Braves baseball season. As I understand it, they will be guests of Mayor Ivan Allen and will make an inspection of the new Atlanta stadium.

Maybe you would be interested in having your Atlanta bureau file something on this visit -- reactions to the stadium, comparison of Atlanta-New Orleans needs, etc. -- for the state wire. I would imagine the Atlanta Mayor's office is co-ordinating the visit and could help your people there.

Atlanta architects for the stadium there are George T. Heery and Bill Finch, partners in two firms which co-ventured design of the stadium and are also double teaming the planning of a new stadium in Cincinnati.

An interesting aspect of the Atlanta stadium is the fact that it was designed and built in under 21 months as compared with from four to six years for other major new stadia. The architectural team expects to bring in the Cincinnati stadium in from 22 to 26 months.

We will be happy to supply any needed fill in data on either the Atlanta or Cincinnati projects.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

C. A. Rogers

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