

Mayor
City Hall
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear

On behalf of the City Government of Atlanta officially and on behalf of Mrs. Allen and myself personally, I extend to you and Mrs. a most cordial invitation to join with us in celebrating the opening of the Southeast's first major league baseball season when your Pittsburgh Pirates meet our Atlanta Braves in our new municipal stadium.

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I am sure that you/join with me in the thought that the coming of major league sports to this great region that has produced so many outstanding athletes is an event of historical significance and of tremendous future potential not only to our city and our region but to all our sports minded nation. This occasion would be far from complete without you and Mrs. joining with us in the festivities that will precede the game and then in witnessing the first of many contests between the Braves and the Pirates.

Tuesday evening, April 12, is the date set for the game itself, but the festivities will begin on Monday, April 11. Accordingly, Mrs. Allen and I would very much like for you and Mrs. to be our special guests at the Mayor's Dinner honoring the Atlanta Braves on Monday evening, April 11, at the new Marriott Motel. Incidentally, since your city has been one of the great leaders in urban renewal, I think you will be interested to observe that this splendid new hotel represents a \$12,000,000 example of redevelopment by private enterprise in one of our urban renewal projects.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, we would be honored to have you join with us in the great baseball parade for which Atlanta is host.

The climax of the festivities will be a program in the stadium at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening just before the game begins. We would be honored to have you join ~~with~~ us on this program.

Again, I emphasize that the celebration of the advent of major league baseball to Atlanta and the Southeast would be very incomplete without the presence of the Mayor of Pittsburgh and his wife.

So I want to repeat how honored we will be to have you and Mrs. _____ as our guests. Complimentary reservations have been made at the Marriott.

I am keenly awaiting the word that you will be with us and am looking forward to extending a personal welcome when you land at our airport.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.