

March 23, 1966

Honorable Joseph M. Barr  
Mayor of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Barr:

When I called your office to extend a verbal invitation for you and Mrs. Barr to come to Atlanta when the Braves and Pirates open on April 12th, I learned of your vacation in Hawaii. I certainly hope it was a most enjoyable trip, and you haven't unpacked too well, as we are looking forward to having you in Atlanta for this historic event.

Many activities have been planned honoring the Braves and Pirates and your participation is greatly desired. On Monday, April 11th, we are having a dinner for the Braves at the Marriott Hotel. I would like for you to be among the head table guests. There will be a big parade at 1:30 on April 12th in which we plan for you to ride, and the pregame ceremonies which include you begin at 7:00 p.m. that evening. I would like for you and Mrs. Barr to be our guests and have arranged for accommodations at the Marriott Hotel.

Pittsburg having been a major league city for many years, I am sure you know the importance of the advent of major league baseball to Atlanta and the Southeast. It just wouldn't be complete without you and your wife, and I am awaiting the news that you will be on hand to assist me on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor

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CC: Mr. George Goodwin

Mr. Ed Forio