

March 2, 1965

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Two of the most important events in the South's distinguished athletic history will be the dedication of Atlanta's great new municipal stadium on July 29, 1965, and the opening day of major league baseball in Atlanta during April, 1966.

It will mean so much more if you could join the people from all over our region to celebrate the South's ability to handle major league sports.

While the stadium dedication will be an occasion of great local pride, the actual beginning of the twenty-five year baseball contract with the former Milwaukee Braves will command more attention as it assumes regional, even national scope. Therefore, you may prefer to give more serious consideration to that event.

The City of Atlanta would be honored to have you present on either of these occasions, and I will hope for your consideration of this possibility.

Respectfully,

Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor

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