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September 12, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

This letter is written to acquaint you with a worth while project for negro boys in the city of Atlanta.

Since January, Mr. Ralph Long, Principal of Wesley School, Mr. Aaron Watson, Athletic Director of Wesley, and myself have been meeting making plans for a football program for boys 8 thru 13 year of age living in the various communities of Atlanta.

King & Spalding Company, has incorporated our group under the name "Youth Sports Activities of Atlanta, Incorporated", as you can see on the attached blank letterhead.

In meeting with Mr. Long and Mr. Watson and others they have brought in, I have been impressed by their desire to do for their young people even though it means taking much of their spare time. I believe in football as a builder of character and believe what these men are doing is very worth while.

My group in Tucker is also engaged in similar work with our youth and have eleven years experience at it. This fall our two groups are trying to arrange some way to bring our two teams together in a gester of friendship. Our thought is to start out with a game in the Wesley area, with us bringing our group in a bus. We want to provide a bridge, small in the beginning, for a better understanding between our young people. I know of no better way than athletics.

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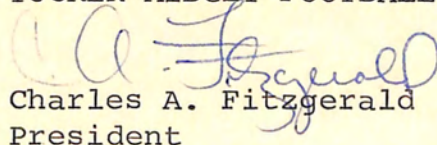
The Honorable Ivan Allen

Since this would mean bringing 33 white boys into the Wesley area, we want to make sure we go about this in the right way. I would appreciate your thoughts on this. Perhaps you could come and speak to the two groups before the game, right at the field. I truly believe this is a milestone in good relations between races but, as I said, don't want to make a mistake as we start out.

If you think it advisable we can come down to your office and discuss this. At any rate I will appreciate your suggestions and comments.

Very truly yours,

TUCKER MIDGET FOOTBALL CONFERENCE, INC.


Charles A. Fitzgerald
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