

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. and Arthur Montgomery, Chairman of the Stadium Authority, invited me to visit Atlanta to look at the new municipal stadium being built and to make a first-hand inspection of the growth and expansion in this fine city and its supporting region.

The Stadium Authority has given me a firm contract for consideration of the Braves. I am taking this back to Chicago as part of the evaluation I am making regarding the Braves' future.

The Braves recognize the responsibility and public trust involved in even considering the moving of a professional sports franchise from one area to another. However, since baseball is truly a national sport, we can no longer ignore the vast areas of this country which do not currently enjoy our great game.

I want to compliment the people of Atlanta, Mayor Allen, Arthur Montgomery, the Stadium Authority and the other elected officials for their foresight in creating the facilities and atmosphere for the inevitable introduction of major league sports to the southeastern area of the United States.

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