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Personal
Stadium file

December 27, 1956.

Mr. Frank D. Schroth,
Daily News,
157 Renssen Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

I am sure you have already read the front page story of the Brooklyn section of the World Telegram this evening. From independent sources I am satisfied that the story is factually accurate and that the program reported will be adopted by the Board of Estimate tomorrow.

Based on this assumption I would expect that the three members of the Sports Center Authority would be embarrassed to the point of resigning. If they resign I must be practical and take inventory of the situation. Such an inventory would cause us to conclude that the Sports Center Stadium project should be referred to in the past tense.

Proceeding from that conclusion I must presently show concern over the future location of the Dodger franchise. In order to keep my promise to have \$4,000,000 available to help finance the new stadium I have contracted for the sale of our Montreal and Brooklyn real estate. You know me well enough to know I have a one track mind. It will, therefore, not surprise you to be told that the total sales price for the two properties is precisely \$4,000,000. The sale of Ebbets Field presupposes a change of site for our Dodgers.

If necessity forces us out of Brooklyn and New York City the City will lose \$165,000 annually in city admission taxes to say nothing of the real estate taxes and other city impositions.

Now, I finally come to the point of this letter. You and Jack Flynn have been my staunchest allies. I got you into this mess and now I face a business man's problem of making an irrevocable decision the result of which will be to nullify our joint efforts. Believe me, I am sorry.

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Should the Sports Center Authority be emasculated tomorrow with the result that the Authority Members resign I will then leave on January 3rd for Los Angeles. In fairness to our Dodger writers and the sports columnists who have been asking for comments on the World Telegram story and others, I will probably hold a press conference on my return.

If you have any suggestions, Frank, please let me have the benefit of them.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,
President.

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