

June 17, 1952.

C Frank D. Schroth, Publisher,  
The Brooklyn Eagle,  
24 Johnson Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Frank:

O I need not delay in answering your letter of June 16th as I did your letter of June 5th.

P I believe Brooklyn needs a modern athletic stadium seating approximately 52,000 people. Over the years I have followed with interest the proposal to build a new Madison Square Garden at Columbus Circle. A new stadium in Brooklyn would serve many of the purposes which the plan has had in mind for the Columbus Circle improvement. A modern stadium with a movable roof would provide convention facilities unequalled elsewhere. Such a stadium could house motor boat, automobile, flower, sportsman and other shows and attractions. Such a stadium would have to be strategically located to give maximum convenience for rapid transit patrons. Present and future parkways should be designed to provide accessibility. The stadium could offer all year round parking facilities.

Y Many special purposes to which the stadium could be put would include skating on artificial ice in the winter months and roller skating all year round. Such a stadium would lend itself to top attraction football games, boxing and basketball events and other recognized sports.

We have definite ideas as to where such a stadium should be located and the site would be nearer Wall Street and Rockefeller Centre than the Polo Grounds, Yankee Stadium or Ebbets Field.

Brooklyn has an international reputation as a baseball town. Much of the mention that the Borough receives, and some of it facetious, is in reference to baseball. If this is an asset, I believe it is, let us capitalize on the fact and encourage the erection of the first all purpose sports and convention arena indoor and outdoor in Brooklyn.

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I wish this were Bob Moses' dea and not mine as he has the know how and zeal to see it through.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,  
President

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