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Hon. Robert Moses,
Randalls Island,
New York 35, N. Y.

My dear Bob:

Your letter of October 20th and copy of letter you wrote Frank Schroth on the 16th, leave me with some hope that when we get together after the election a way will be found for a new Dodger stadium.

I quite agree with your phrase that "----it must be on terms which are constitutional, legal and other acceptable". Of course! Referring to your next sentence I do grasp the restrictions under which you work on quasi-public matters.

Your fourth paragraph bothers me as I did try to make it clear at our luncheon meeting that I did not expect any of the quasi-public agencies to help finance the stadium. I said I hoped to build a baseball stadium where the parking garage facilities would justify the cost.

Let us suppose it costs \$3,000 a car to build a parking garage. A 200 car facility would cost \$6,000,000. By designing the garage to be part of a stadium it would probably cost \$2,500,000 extra for the playing field, seats, and extras. IF, the parking garage-stadium was so located that a 2000 car capacity would be financially sound, then it is entirely within the realm of possibilities for this corporation to privately finance the total. This I would want to demonstrate to you and your associates. It is obvious that location becomes a matter of great importance when planning for the parking garage feature.

This parking item is not for the baseball park's customers alone. Baseball games would be played on weekday nights and on Saturday, Sunday and holiday afternoons. Thus, the capacity would be available to the public during the business hours and on "off" hours open to the customers of the stadium.

I am aware of your encouragement to industry to finance, build and operate public parking garages and I was hoping that my plans were in that direction.

I want a new baseball stadium. You want a parking garage to ease a public problem. It is my hope that we can combine the two needs, using public authority to assemble the plot and private money to finance it.

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Incidentally, I have not harped on the semi-public nature of a major league franchise nor its importance to a community. I should let our public, Borough officials, Chamber of Commerce and others make that presentation. In order to successfully operate a baseball franchise in Brooklyn I know we need a new stadium, well located, whose design will permit substantial income from non-baseball activities to wit - a parking garage.

We do not ask that this community acquire land, build a stadium and rent it at a nominal rate to the Dodgers - and while other communities have done so and more will do so, all we want is the understanding cooperation and advice of those who know the answers to tell us (1) Is a combination parking garage and stadium logical and legal (2) If so, where is the best location (3) How do we go about acquiring the land.

And now, Bob, referring to the last paragraph of your letter, John Cashmore has full knowledge of my hopes and plans and since 1946 has been cooperating on the stadium idea. I do look forward to our meeting after election. John and I will be away for a week at Vero Beach; November 5th to 14th. You set a date convenient to your engagements and I am sure Bob Blum, Frank Schroth, John Cashmore and I will be present. How about Emil Praeger at this time, or should that come later.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,
President.

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