

I learned yesterday that the Giants have retained a surveyor to report on a location off Grant Avenue and Horace Harding Blvd in Queens. I believe that Prudential has made an offer for the Polo Grounds property including the short term balance of the lease. One individual has made an overture to buy the Giants and there are two other groups interested. It is my guess that the ownership is not too seriously interested in the St. Paul-Minneapolis site nor the Queens location but either could become a bargaining weapon to arrive at an equitable lease to share Yankee Stadium with the Yankees. (deleted from original)

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Mr. Frank Schroth,  
Brooklyn Eagle,  
24 Johnson Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

You might glance at the enclosed clippings and return them to me at your convenience.

We have been approached to build our stadium over the railroad yard in Long Island City. This location is most interesting for a number of reasons but Brooklyn would lose its identity with the Dodgers and the Dodgers with Brooklyn. This is a shocking thought. A move to Long Island City, however, would be preferred to a move to Los Angeles. I would hate to get too serious in either direction unless I was finally convinced that we are completely without suitable land opportunities to remain in Brooklyn.

My preference, of course, continues to be a location in downtown Brooklyn where we can offer the public from 2000 to 2,750 car parking stalls. We want to buy the land and build our own parking garage and stadium and we expect the property to be continued on the tax roll. We do not have the power of condemnation and if there is no existing legislation under which the necessary plot could be assembled perhaps new legislation should be initiated.

The fact remains that we cannot long continue to operate in our present stadium. The Dodgers approach to solving this problem is unique in that we are not asking the community to do a darn thing more than to get us a suitable site at our expense. If I appear to be unreasonable, intemperate or impatient, forgive me, but I cannot wait much longer. We have been on this project since 1947.

I expect to have the plans for the Long Island City site Tuesday and I will ask you to be good enough to look at them.

You, John Cashmore and I will be most unhappy I am sure, if that has to be the solution. We should talk it over.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,  
President.

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