

Dodgertown
Vero Beach, Florida
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Mr. Frank D. Schroth
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Dear Frank:

I telegraphed Henry Modell to eliminate the dollar collecting phase of his activities. Believe it or not, money is not what is needed and I shudder to think of the idea of having all sorts of volunteers requesting money in the name of the Dodgers.

I am current on the matter that you were nice enough to mention in your letter of the 29th. There is no thinking along the lines of a sale.

For your personal information, I have about given up of ever getting the politicians and the saboteurs together. My efforts from now on will be quite seriously in the direction of a move.

Chester has been a tremendous disappointment - not only as President of the Chamber of Commerce but also as a member of the Sports Center Authority. He has spent more hours with you and Jack Flynn than he has with his confreres on the Authority. My guess is that he is trying to cover his back-trail against possible adverse publicity should the matter flop. Had he directed as much effort to having the matter proceed promptly, he would not have had to worry about his back-trail as he would have achieved great banking, personal and political stature.

To this day he has not even taken the trouble to look at the model or plans. His one session with me was also a back-trail operation in that it was directed to assure Joe Kayser that he was going to protect Joe from having a "blank wall" built near the Williamsburg Savings Bank.

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The Bar Association, as its annual frolic in May, will put on a skit about the new stadium that is quite pointed. They do not mention Cashmore once in the entire play. John's problem, I am sure, is physical rather than political.

If Moses has Parade Ground ideas, would he feel the same way about the Fort Greene Park?

Now you see the inconsistency of the Irish mind. In one paragraph, I am sailing to a distant port and in the last above one, I am still trying to keep my anchor in Brooklyn.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley
President
Brooklyn Dodgers

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