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OFFICE OF COMMITTEE ON SLUM CLEARANCE
RANDALL'S ISLAND
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City Editor
Herald Tribune
230 West 41 Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your story on the Atlantic Avenue Terminal area seems to be one of those seemingly irresistible impulses of the press to stir up official dissension.

You have one fact only, namely, that the precise boundaries of the area proposed to be studied by John Cashmore were not known until today. The consultants to make the study, however, were known. The Borough President talked to others about them. They are first rate men.

As to the Building Trades site, this by itself is not eligible for anything but new housing, since it is presently a market and a slum clearance area and must be presently or prospectively residential.

As to the Dodgers, Title I of the National Housing Act cannot be used for a Dodger Field as such. Whether such a Field can be regarded as an incident in a huge, general neighborhood clearance and whether it could be largely built over railroad tracks, which would involve enormous expense, and whether private funds could be obtained for any big project in this part of Brooklyn, are all questions which could be answered after the consultants report and after the Slum Clearance Committee, City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate have had their say. Whether a city-owned sports center could be built and for seasons or events rented to other organizations is another question.

Certainly there can be no doubt that major street changes are urgently needed in this area to accommodate traffic and that the Long Island Railroad Station is a disgrace and should be housed in a rentable office building.

Why stir up the animals? Something constructive will no doubt be worked out with or without the Dodgers.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MOSES
Chairman

