

January 29, 1957.

Peter Campbell Brown, Corporation Counsel,
City of New York,
Municipal Bldg.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Peter:

I am making this a personal letter to you but I really want you to bring it to Bob's attention. Attached is a front page World-Telegram story and also an editorial. You will note that the front page story says, among other things, "Mr. Tobin's comments supported speculation by City Hall observers that Mayor Robert F. Wagner intends to withhold adequate funds from the Sports Authority and starve it out of existence".

You and I know that this is not the way Bob feels but some impractical joker on Bob's staff has been feeding this type of material to the City Hall reporters as too many papers have carried the same general observation. I think this is bad for Bob. Letters from our fans would indicate that he is being cast in the role of a "heavy". Once the baseball season gets going and we use our radio and TV facilities to tell the people about our hopes for a new stadium in Brooklyn this entire problem will come into sharp focus and it is unfortunate that something is not done to correct the erroneous impression about Bob's position. The editorial which is also attached is quite strong. Read it and you will see what I am concerned.

If, in fact, Bob does not want to see this project satisfactorily completed then, of course, I would expect him and you to tell me so frankly as I will have to make a practical business men's decision within the next five months. You know we have sold Ebbets Field and Montreal in order to put ourselves in the position to subscribe to \$4,000,000 of the new stadium's bonds. I was asked if we would do that and now I have proceeded to put myself in a position to keep the promise I made when the question was asked.

Peter, if the "boys" really want us out of New York City all you have to do is tell me and we will go quietly without recriminations. You and I know that further effort should be put forth to keep our Dodgers in Brooklyn where they belong.

Last year the Dodgers paid the City of New York \$70,000 in real estate taxes and \$165,000 in admission taxes. Incidentally our federal admission taxes amounted to \$330,000. On admission taxes alone we paid roughly a total of \$500,000. This is some burden.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,
President.

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