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Mr. Tracy S. Voorhees,  
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Dear Mr. Voorhees:

Your letter to John Cashmore has helped to stiffen up the proponents of the Albany Authority Bill. This bill will, no doubt, have to be amended to contain broader language to encompass all that it is hoped can be done to solve the railroad and other problems. I have a feeling that John McGrath and Borough President Cashmore have in mind that those matters might better be handled on the basis of the Cashmore survey. Some might even think it would be better not to complicate the present bill by suggesting changes in the hopes that for the time being we should get at least part of the loaf.

Please feel free to express your views to Jack Flynn, Publisher of the News, as well as the Republican hierarchy. Incidentally, I spoke to John Crews today and we expect to have a rather significant statement from Mr. Heck at the Lincoln Day Dinner on Monday. Norman Penny tells me that Russell Sprague is sympathetic. A little more help in that direction is welcome. Gov. Dewey and I had a long talk about the matter yesterday and he gave me some valuable advice.

Frankly, I view this as a last ditch stand, not just for the Dodgers but for a worthwhile rehabilitation of perhaps the most important section in Brooklyn. It is unfortunate that the publicity is such that people are under the impression the tax payers will hand out \$30,000,000 to the Dodgers. This is ridiculous, we are not going to get even 30%. On the other hand we have pledged ourselves to support the venture to the extent of \$4,000,000 investment.

It is nice to know of your genuine interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,  
President.

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