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Mr. Walter F. O'Malley, President
Los Angeles Dodgers, Inc.
1000 Elysian Park Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Walter:

Of course the manager and the players and the coaches, all of whom have helped bring distinction and success to the Dodgers over many years, deserve recognition and proper praise.

But somewhere back of all the success of your team lies some central policy control and directive personnel really responsible for the continued success of the club. In addition to the many other compelling interests, I know you have had a full part in the artistic success of the team. I give you and your very great working partner, Buzzie, major credit. I congratulate you and through you Buzzie Bavasi for the full part you have played. Neither of you will ever receive much acclaim from the press or public when you win and how well I know the unwarranted discredit that can and does so easily come to you when you lose.

Anyhow I just want you to know that I think you have done a great job on the field as well as off.

I believe you will win the coming World Series. I deeply wish it so.

Sincerely yours,

Branch Rickey

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