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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Returning Baseball Franchise to D. C.

The President reviewed your message concerning a recommended phone call to John Galbreath and made the following notation:

"I called Ruly Carpenter but not very successful.
Good discussion but he feels strongly."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF

MR. JOHN GALBREATH, THE OWNER OF THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES, CALLED TODAY FROM FLORIDA WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE PRESIDENT MAKE PHONE CALLS TO THREE MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM OWNERS OVER THE WEEKEND TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN RETURNING A BASEBALL FRANCHISE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

MR. GALBREATH SAID THE TEAM OWNERS ARE MEETING MONDAY AND A DECISION ON WASHINGTON'S FUTURE PROPECTS FOR A BASEBALL TEAM WOULD BE RESOLVED AT THAT TIME.

HE RECOMMENDED THE CALLS GO TO:

- ① RULY CARPENTER, OWNER OF THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
PHONE NUMBER 813-442-2161
- ② GUSSIE BUSCH, OWNER OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS
PHONE NUMBER 314-843-4056
- ③ BOB HOWSMAN, OWNER OF THE CINCINNATI REDS
PHONE NUMBER 813-877-8700 OR 813-876-6664

IF THE PRESIDENT HAS TIME FOR ONLY ONE CALL, MR. GALBREATH RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE TO MR. CARPENTER.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX FRIEDERSDORF *M.F.*
SUBJECT: John Rhodes

John Rhodes has called the President several times this afternoon but because of meetings has not talked with the President.

Rhodes wished to advise the President of his very strong recommendation that the President call Bob Howsan, President of the Cincinnati Reds and Mr. Carpenter, President of the Philadelphia Phillies to urge them to relent on their opposition to a major league baseball franchise being located in Washington.

Mr. Rhodes said that he was making the request at the strong urging of Congressman Bernie Sisk who has been most active in seeking to bring major league baseball back to Washington.

Mr. Rhodes strongly recommended the President try to make the calls if at all possible.