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KANSAS CITY **A**THLETICS

MUNICIPAL STADIUM
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111
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CHARLES O. FINLEY
PRESIDENT

September 2, 1967

Mr. Ed Devine
1615 21st Avenue, East
Seattle, Washington

Dear Ed:

The enclosed is a list of improvements which will have to be made to Sick Stadium to make it usable for Major League baseball. Even if we were willing to get by with less, which we are not, I am certain that we could not obtain approval of our move to Seattle unless at least this is done, and it is possible that the League will impose additional requirements.

Since our occupancy will be only for the four or five years until the dome stadium is ready, we could not consider paying for improvements to Sick Stadium which will be of no use to us after we move into the dome. We will, of course, have substantial expenses of our own in connection with the move and will pay for these items which we can take with us to the dome stadium.

It is essential that this whole matter be resolved and a final form of lease prepared and agreed upon within the next ten days so that we can prepare our formal application to the League. You understand, I am sure, that we must support our application with a showing of feasibility, which means firm commitment for everything that is necessary.

I do not think we need to stop now for lease details, but we should agree on the basics, as follows:

1. Rent - \$125,000 per year.
2. Parking around stadium (900 cars approximately) to be ours.
3. Off-site parking to be provided and to be operated by city.
4. Terms to be until dome stadium is ready, we to have right to cancel after 1968 season and relocate if bond issue does not pass in February, 1968 or if construction of the dome stadium does not commence within one year of passage of bond issue.

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We are most desirous of moving the Athletics to Seattle. I wish to assure you that the enclosed list of requirements are the absolute bare necessities to operate a Major League baseball club. I am certain that we have covered the vast majority of requirements. Naturally, there will be other items that we will be confronted with as we progress. They will not be of major cost. However, we must be assured of your cooperation to include these as they develop.

The A's are ready and willing to move to the "Great Pacific Northwest" --- do you want us?

Looking forward to having the name "SEATTLE" over the front of our uniforms in 1968. You can be assured the Seattle A's and the "Menace to Baseball" (Finley) will bring more publicity to your great city than:

1. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark
2. The Yukon Gold Strike
3. The Space Needle

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,


Charles O. Finley

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Enclosure

CC: Mr. Joseph E. Cronin, President
American League

Mr. Joseph Gandy

Mr. David Cohn

Playing field lights conforming to Major League standards.

Adequate lighting inside of stadium (off playing field) and outside of stadium, including parking area around Sick Stadium.

Enlarge both dugouts to Major League standards.

Install pitcher bullpens on side lines according to Major League standards.

Installation of a minimum of 25,000 bleacher-type seats (all with backs) with the hope that space will be available for 30,000 to 33,000 seats.

Permanent and temporary seats should be painted in order to make the "joint" appear respectable and cheerful.

Exits and seating locations clearly marked and numbered.

Electricity to be furnished by city.

Dressing room and shower facilities for umpires.

Facilities and space to feed press, radio and television personnel.

Press Box facilities to accomodate press, radio and television.

Screen protection behind home plate and wherever necessary.

Warning tracks around entire field.

Parking facilities to be provided away from stadium.

Concession stands built to accomodate 25,000 to 30,000 fans.

Restroom facilities to accomodate 25,000 to 30,000 fans.

Adequate turnstiles to be installed throughout stadium.

Adequate ticket windows to be installed.

Adequate club house facilities for both home and visiting teams.

Office space to be provided for full time front office personnel and sufficient telephone trunk lines.

Auxiliary scoreboards.

Pass Gate provided.

Flag Pole.

Ushers dressing room.

Vendors dressing room.

Ticket takers counting room.

Area provided for delivery of concessions.

Area for concession storage.

Adequate police protection and traffic policemen.

Fully equipped first aid room.

Thirty-five telephone trunk lines into stadium.

Western Union service in Press Box.

Teletype service.

Switchboard equipment installed to handle trunk lines.

Public Address system.

Intercom telephone system throughout stadium.

Adequate number of drinking fountains.

Protective fencing for ticket department.

A.D.T. protective service in ticket department.

Sufficient exits.

Restroom and drinking facilities in dugout.

Ground crew equipment shed.

Tarp for infield and bull pens.

Drum to roll tarp on.

Neon foul line poles according to American League rules.

Ticket office downtown.