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TO: The Secretary
FROM: ARA - William D. Rogers

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Cuba -- Baseball

I talked with Bowie Kuhn. I told him that he should not complete arrangements for a Major League March trip to Cuba at this time. He understood.

Late March is the only time a Major League visit to Cuba is possible. For purposes of TV and the Major League scheduling, Kuhn will need a final answer as to such a trip sometime around February 15. He will be having a further conversation with the Cuban representative and will call me, probably the middle of next week.

Baseball has been utterly cooperative with the Government in the past, he argues; he fervently hopes now, for baseball's sake, that the trip can go forward this Spring. I pointed out that, as he knew, no one was more aware of his interest in a visit to Cuba than I. Therefore he could understand that our suggestion to him that he hold off on the proposal at this time was not put forward lightly.

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