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TO THE PRESIDENTS OF  
AMERICAN LEAGUE MEMBER CLUBS:

A number of Member Clubs have expressed their interest and concern regarding stadium problems in Seattle, including Jerry Hoffberger, whose August 18 letter was sent to all of you.

The League Office shares the concern of its members with regard to the situation in Seattle. In the course of the Seattle meetings, arrangements were made with Bill Daley and Dewey and Max Soriano to prepare a fully documented "brief" setting forth the difficulties which confront the Seattle Club.

Subsequent to the Seattle meetings and with Bill Daley's approval, the League has retained the services of Andrew Williams, Esq., of the Seattle firm of Perkins, Coie, Stone, Olsen & Williams. You may recall that Mr. Williams represented the League prior to the award of the expansion franchise to Seattle.

The principal purpose of Mr. Williams' retention is to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the League and to render a report which, together with the brief prepared by the Seattle Club, will provide a basis for future action by the League. Among the matters which Mr. Williams has been asked to consider are the following:

- (1) The adequacy of available financing to construct the proposed domed stadium.
- (2) The likelihood of a successful referendum to block the construction of the stadium at its proposed location.
- (3) The legal necessity of competitive bidding on the concession contract for the domed stadium, and the possible conflict between such a requirement and the Pilots' existing concession contract.

(4) The likelihood of commencement of construction of the domed stadium prior to December 31, 1970, as required by the Seattle Club's Membership Agreement, and an estimate of the probable date of such commencement.

(5) The comparative positions of Baseball and Football in relation to the domed stadium, in the event of Seattle's receiving a football franchise.

(6) The ability of Seattle Club to move to another city in event of unavailability of suitable stadium facilities.

The foregoing is for your information. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

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