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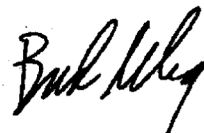
Dear Marc:

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Major League Baseball, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Society for American Baseball Research on its 40th anniversary. Throughout its history, SABR's discoveries have helped to bring baseball's rich and unparalleled history to life, and its statistical findings continue to illuminate the evolution of the national pastime.

My dear friend Ernie Harwell described the "scholarship" of SABR as an "excellent way for all of us to add to our enjoyment of the greatest game." There are few institutions in existence that evoke the brand of passion that baseball does, and SABR's more than 6,000 members are emblematic of the profound manner in which this American tradition resonates so deeply with fans all over the world.

I hope that you enjoy your celebration in Cooperstown, where the organization began in 1971, and I look forward to SABR's continued contributions to our great game in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Allan H. (Bud) Selig
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