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J.G. Taylor Spink to Col. Charles E. Johnson Regarding Armed Services Baseball League. August 28, 1953

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August 28, 1953

Charles E. Johnson,
Colonel, Inf.,
Deputy Chief,
Public Information Division,
Department of the Army,
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Colonel Johnson:

Your prompt reply to our wire, which provided the information that we sought, was greatly appreciated.

I wish to explain that our interest in this tournament is due to the fact that THE SPORTING NEWS is a baseball publication and we naturally are concerned with anything that might affect the game in general. This tournament was originally started as a strictly semi-pro organization, and now calls itself a "non-pro" organization. However, it is discouraging to those interested in the progress of baseball when these "town teams" or industrial semi-pro teams are badly overmatched against teams containing professionals.

Note the enclosed copy of a wire we received from the sports editor of a Wyoming paper relating to the experience of the Laramie team.

Major league scouts attending this tournament are reported to have said they saw little real talent eligible to be signed, as many of the players already were under contract to professional clubs.

Sincerely yours,

J.G. Taylor Spink

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