

August 16, 1960

Mr. Calvin Griffith,
Washington Baseball Club,
7th St. and Florida Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Calvin:

I regret very much that I received telegram (facsimile enclosed) from Herb Heft this morning, after mix-up last night on Ted Williams and an inexcusable mix-up this morning.

I had arranged with Congressman Price for President Eisenhower to receive Williams.

Before proceeding further with cameraman I phoned Herb if I could depend upon Williams going to the White House. He told me that Williams was alerted, ready to leave when he was advised that the President was ready to receive him.

I then called Don Wingfield that he should be at the White House to take picture within a half hour following. He advised me that he would leave at that moment.

I then called Herb and told him that everything had been all set.

Almost an hour later Herb called me and told me that the thing had been screwed up. I did not wish for any more details after what I had gone through last night and early this morning, so hung up because of my disappointment.

Later I was advised by Congressman Price that he, too, was

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disappointed in that Williams, instead of being ready, was on the rubbing table at the clubhouse.

Whatever I have asked Herb Hest to do has been in the interest of the Washington club and, furthermore, we have paid him.

You may have a different story so I wanted to let you have mine.

Sincerely yours,

J.G. Taylor Spink

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