

Letter from Curt Flood to Bowie Kuhn

Written by Curt Flood

Letter from Curt Flood to then commissioner Bowie Kuhn dated 12/24/1969

Mr. Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner of Baseball
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After twelve years in the Major Leagues, I do not feel I am a piece of property to be bought and sold irrespective of my wishes. I believe that any system which produces that result violates my basic rights as a citizen and is inconsistent with the laws of the United States and of the sovereign States.

It is my desire to play baseball in 1970, and I am capable of playing. I have received a contract offer from the Philadelphia Club, but I believe I have the right to consider offers from other clubs before making any decisions. I, therefore, request that you make known to all Major League Clubs my feelings in this matter, and advise them of my availability for the 1970 season.

Sincerely Yours, Curt Flood.