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Commander George N. Craig  
The American Legion  
Indianapolis 6, Indiana  

Dear Commander Craig:

The growing success of the American Legion Junior Baseball program should be an inspiration to any American who realizes the importance of assisting our youngsters to find wholesome outlets for their energies.

As every red-blooded American boy knows, there is a thrill in playing baseball which few other boyhood activities can provide. Baseball gives the growing youth a chance to learn the valuable lessons of teamwork, while at the same time he is "on his own" for a good part of the time, and must learn to have faith in himself.

The American Legion Junior Baseball program gives our boys an opportunity to play on a real team, thus fulfilling a desire which is dear to the hearts of most boys. I am confident that our South Carolina youngsters will take full advantage of this fine opportunity during the summer of 1950.

With best wishes for an even greater success this year than the Junior Baseball program has ever enjoyed, and with kindest regards,

Very truly,

J. Strom Thurmond  
Governor

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