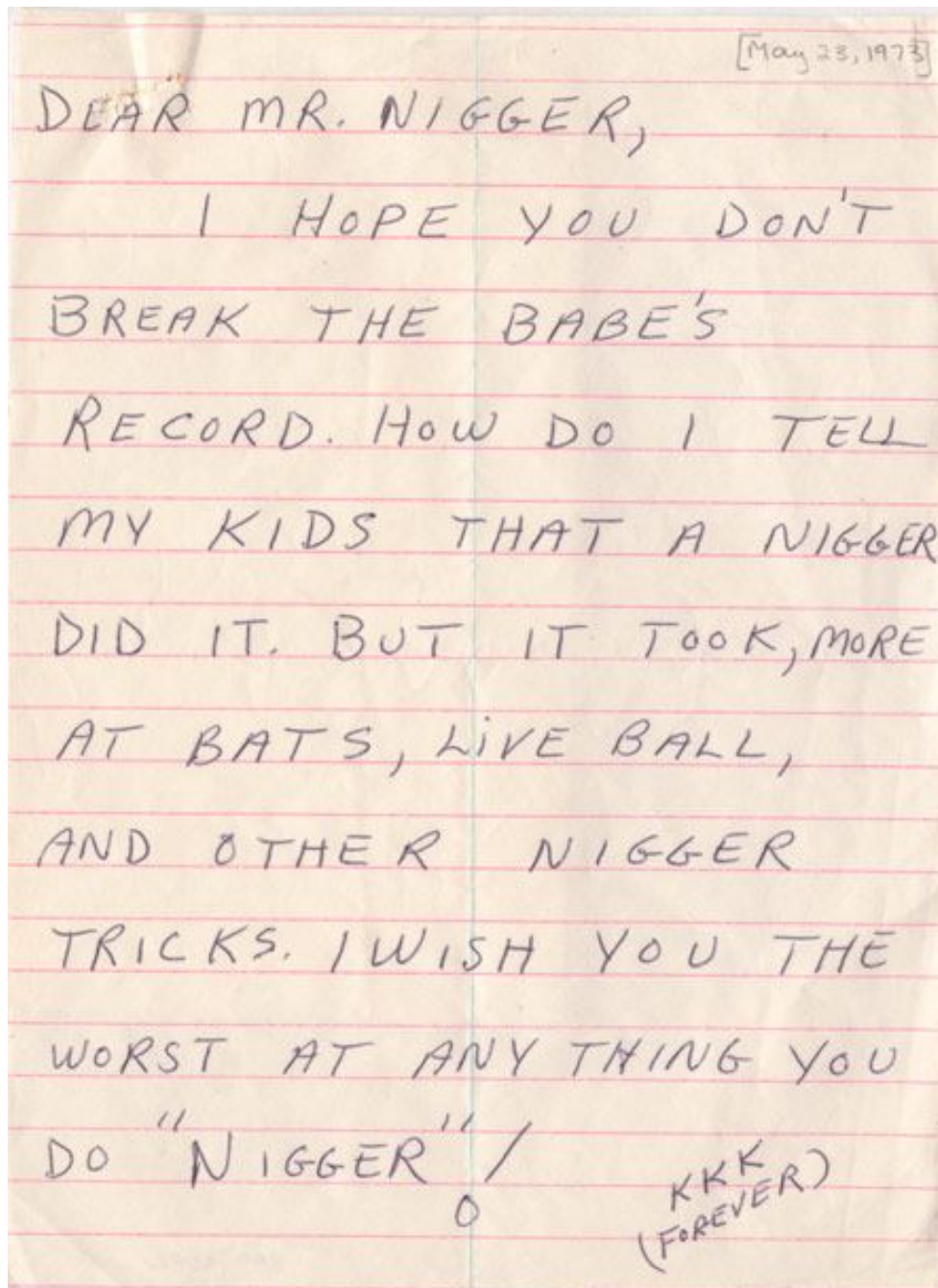


## Handout #4: Racist Responses to Hank Aaron's Home Run Record

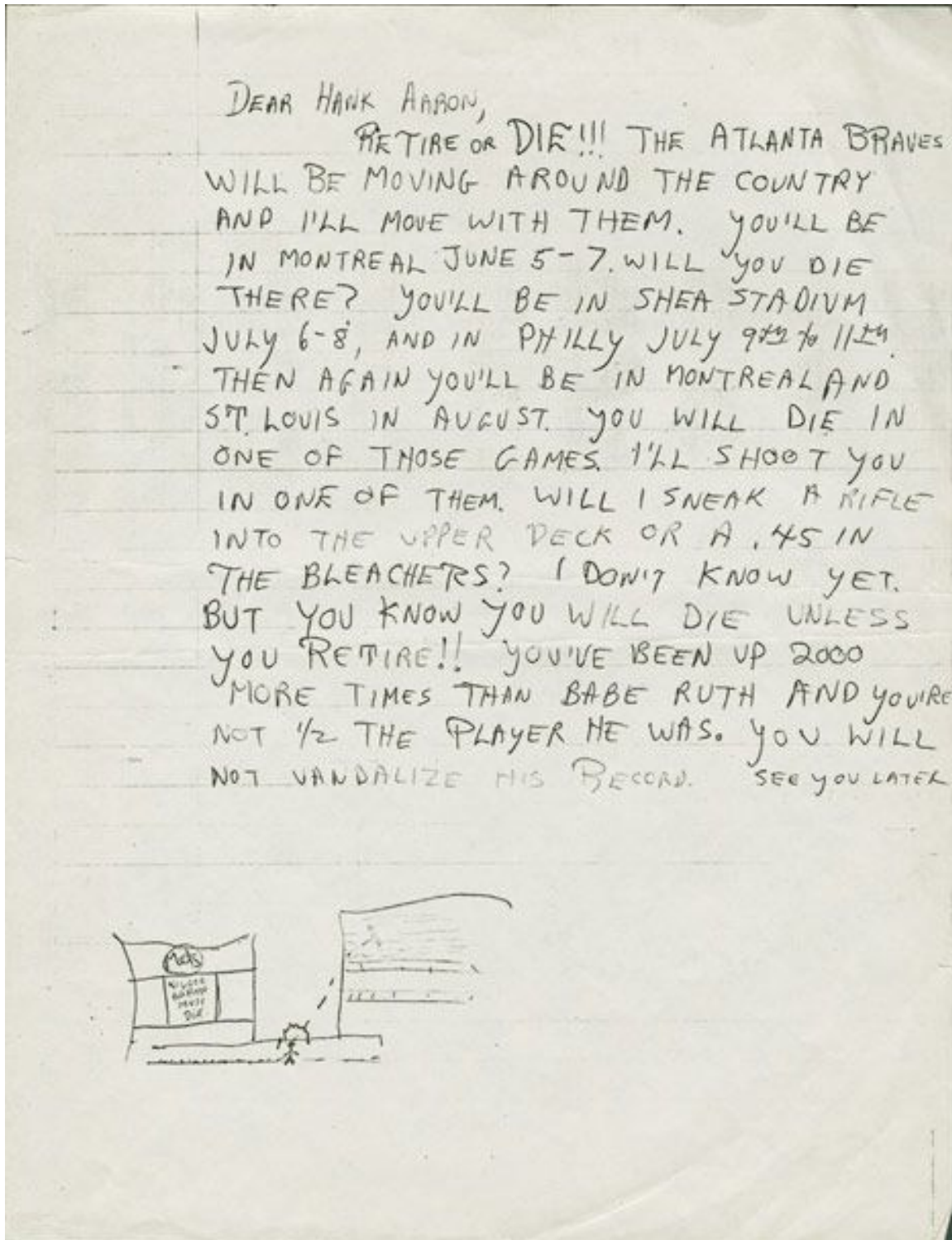


[May 23, 1973]

DEAR MR. NIGGER,  
I HOPE YOU DON'T  
BREAK THE BABE'S  
RECORD. HOW DO I TELL  
MY KIDS THAT A NIGGER  
DID IT. BUT IT TOOK, MORE  
AT BATS, LIVE BALL,  
AND OTHER NIGGER  
TRICKS. I WISH YOU THE  
WORST AT ANY THING YOU  
DO "NIGGER" /  
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KKK  
(FOREVER)

Hate mail received by Hank Aaron as he approached Babe Ruth's home run record



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Atlanta, Ga.  
8-21-1972

Mr . Pr esident :

Why in the name of HELL dont you  
get rid of that HANK AARON and fill up that BALL  
PARK you have. I will bet you 80% of the people of  
the peopl exin At lanta, dont give a damn for that nigger.  
When he shpuld be playing he is SICK or HURTS and ypu fall  
for it.

If y ou will get rid of some of them NIGGERS  
and put in WHITE ball players whe can use judge ment we  
could win the pennant and fill that park but as it is, we  
the WHITE people dont dive a D---- for the NIGGER lovers  
and NIGGERS either.

Who told you a BUNCH of NIGGERS can play  
ball. You are in the south now and dont give a d--- for  
the BLACK FARTS. Now all in all dont you think AARON to  
be a failure. Home Run King his Blac k ASS.

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An anonymous letter to President Richard Nixon, 1972