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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner of Baseball File
FROM: Terence J. Lynam *TJL*
DATE: May 1, 1989
RE: Interview of Ron Peters

On April 25, 1989, I interviewed Ron Peters at Joe Daly's office in Cincinnati. The purpose of the interview was to review the copies of Peters' betting sheets. The interview did not last very long as Peters had an appointment with the probation department. However, Peters provided the following information.

Peters stated that the records were for betting activity in 1987 with Paul Janszen and Pete Rose. Peters stated that normally he threw out records shortly after he used them. However he kept these records because he anticipated a dispute with Rose because Peters did not intend to pay Rose \$34,000 of Rose's winnings due to the \$34,000 debt Rose still had with Peters from 1986. We reviewed some of the records with Peters and he identified his handwriting on most of the documents. He also identified the handwriting of some other people who worked at his restaurant and his girlfriend Theresa. The sheet which contains a recap of betting activity from June 15 through August 6th is written in Paul Janszen's

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handwriting. The sheets record how much the person betting is up or down. Peters referred to a master sheet which he kept to record each day's activities. We appear to have only a couple of what he referred to as master sheets, i.e., sheets that contain more than one day's activities.

When Tommy Gioiosa and Paul Janszen were placing bets with Peters, they were the only people placing bets on baseball with Peters. Peters was paying Gioiosa a percentage on Rose's losses at the time of settling up. This was something which Gioiosa negotiated for himself. One of the sheets contains the letters "GB". This means "Gio's buddies." One sheet contains the notation "Pete - 41,800." Peters stated that this means Rose owes Peters \$41,800. When asked whether this represented betting on baseball he said that it could if it involved overlapping seasons. Because of the other names on the sheet, there may also have been other sports involved since the other people listed on the sheet did not bet on baseball.

The sheet that says "SAT, AUG 1" and "L 5 ATL +6" means .60¢ is the betting line on Atlanta that day. One sheet with the notation "Sun 12th" contains Janszen bets at the top in the amount of \$500.00 and Rose's bets in the lower half. The five equals \$500.00 and its probably Janszen's bet. The note "Ron for Paul" is written in Charlotte James' handwriting.

Peters told us that due to errors made, and certain calculations on Janszen's recap sheet, the amount Rose was owed was lowered to approximately \$40,000. Peters recalled writing three checks to Paul Janszen for \$2,000 each to bring the

amount owed to \$34,000. Peters did not intend to pay the \$34,000 because Rose still owed him that amount from 1986. Peters recalled that the dispute with Janszen over paying this money went on for months. Finally around May 9, 1988 Peters wrote the three checks to Janszen's company, Premier Sports, for \$2,000 each. It should be noted that during the period from April to July 1988 Janszen was working for the FBI. Therefore when Peters paid Janszen the \$6,000 Janszen was already working for the FBI. It is not believed that these \$2,000 checks were ever negotiated.