MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Tony Conigliaro Sports Benefit

Donald R. Saccani, Chairman of the Tony Conigliaro Benefit Committee of Marin County, has asked the President to become Honorary Chairman of the 1984 Tony Conigliaro Sports Benefit. I assume you are familiar with the truly tragic story of Tony Conigliaro, whose promising professional baseball career - and indeed almost his life - was cut short when he was struck on the side of the head by a fastball. The film of the incident is literally chilling, and the tragedy was a major factor in the shift to baseball helmets with ear and temple protectors. Conigliaro still suffers serious health consequences; this benefit is apparently intended to assist him. Saccani routed the request for the President to be Honorary Chairman through David Fischer, who obtained a get well card from the President for Conigliaro, and Fischer sent it to Anne Higgins, who forwarded it to us.

Our usual policy is to decline such requests, citing the numerous requests the President receives and his inability to grant them all. I have prepared a letter along these lines.

Attachment