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Richard A. Cecil is a former college baseball coach and scout for the Atlanta Braves. He has served the Braves as assistant farm system director, administrative assistant, business manager, assistant to the chairman of the board of directors, and vice president. Beginning in 1966, Cecil helped establish Atlanta's first soccer team, the Chiefs, acting in a number of administrative roles including president and was a co-owner from 1979-1981. He is a member of the Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame and a collector of sports memorabilia.

The Atlanta Braves is a Major League Baseball team in Atlanta, Georgia. The team name "Braves" originated in 1912 in Boston, Massachusetts. The team moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1953 and settled in Atlanta in 1966. The franchise has won 16 divisional titles, 17 National League pennants, and three World Series championships and is the only team to win the World Series in three different home cities.

The collection consists of materials relating to the Atlanta Braves baseball franchise from 1951-1973 and collected by Richard A. Cecil. The collection includes correspondence, contracts, and scouting reports documenting the Boston Braves purchase of Hank Aaron's Negro League contract. There are also letters sent to Aaron and the Atlanta Braves during Aaron's attempts to break Babe Ruth's career home run record from 1972-1973. Some of these letters are supportive, though most are disparaging.

The collection also contains numerous scouting reports from the Boston and Milwaukee Braves, primarily from 1951-1963. The reports were created by various scouts for the organization and describe the talents and abilities of such players as Ernie Banks, Roberto Clemente, Pete Rose, Joe Torre, Don Zimmer, and many others.

Additionally, there are materials related to the 1972 United States Supreme Court Case, Flood v. Kuhn, which arose when St. Louis Cardinals' outfielder, Curt Flood, refused to be traded to the Philadelphia Phillies after the 1969 season and was denied free agency by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Flood filed a $1 million lawsuit against Kuhn and Major League Baseball, alleging violation of federal antitrust laws. On June 19, 1972, the Supreme Court ruled 5-3 in favor of Major League Baseball.

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