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However, there is one truly compelling reason that Babe Ruth should receive this great honor. In the year 1920, in the midst of the ramifications of the Black Sox scandal that was rocking the very foundation of Baseball, it is consistently noted in every history book that...

***"Babe Ruth was the
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Dear Mr. President:

Just as you, I am a self-made man. I came to this country 40 years ago from India with \$93 in my pocket. Over the years, I worked endlessly to improve myself, to make a life in my chosen country. In 1996 I paid over \$4 million in taxes alone thanks to the prosperity I found in America. During all this time, I relied on my own resources. I never asked anyone to help me to succeed. But today I must ask for your help with something I have been unable to fix alone.

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THE WYNDON HOUSE
1100 Wyndon Avenue
Rosemont, Pennsylvania 19010

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C 20500

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I say tragedy because, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, in 16 percent (56,000) of the cases, the child experiences serious mental or emotional harm. I'm sure my little girls -- ages 6 and 8 -- are terrified by now, living somewhere in the world in conditions very much unlike anything they ever experienced. I don't want my children -- nor anyone else's children -- to become the innocent victims of such parental discord.

In my view, it's a sad commentary that the greatest nation in the world fails to protect it's own children. That's why we need your help, Mr. President. I am asking that you consider staging a news conference to focus world-wide attention on not only my plight but the plight of millions of other parents and children in this country. I would be honored to attend -- if you would have me -- to tell my story.

Please forgive the boldness of this request, Mr. President. But I'm certain that if this were your child, you would not leave a stone unturned to find her. Would you reach out to help a desperate father? My children are counting on you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bipin C. Shah", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bipin C. Shah
Enclosure

Telephone Number: (610) 527-1150 Fax Number: (610) 527-1151

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Where Are My Girls?

Bipin Shah's ex-wife
took their daughters
and ran. His desperate
search exposes
the secret network
that hides them—
and many others

