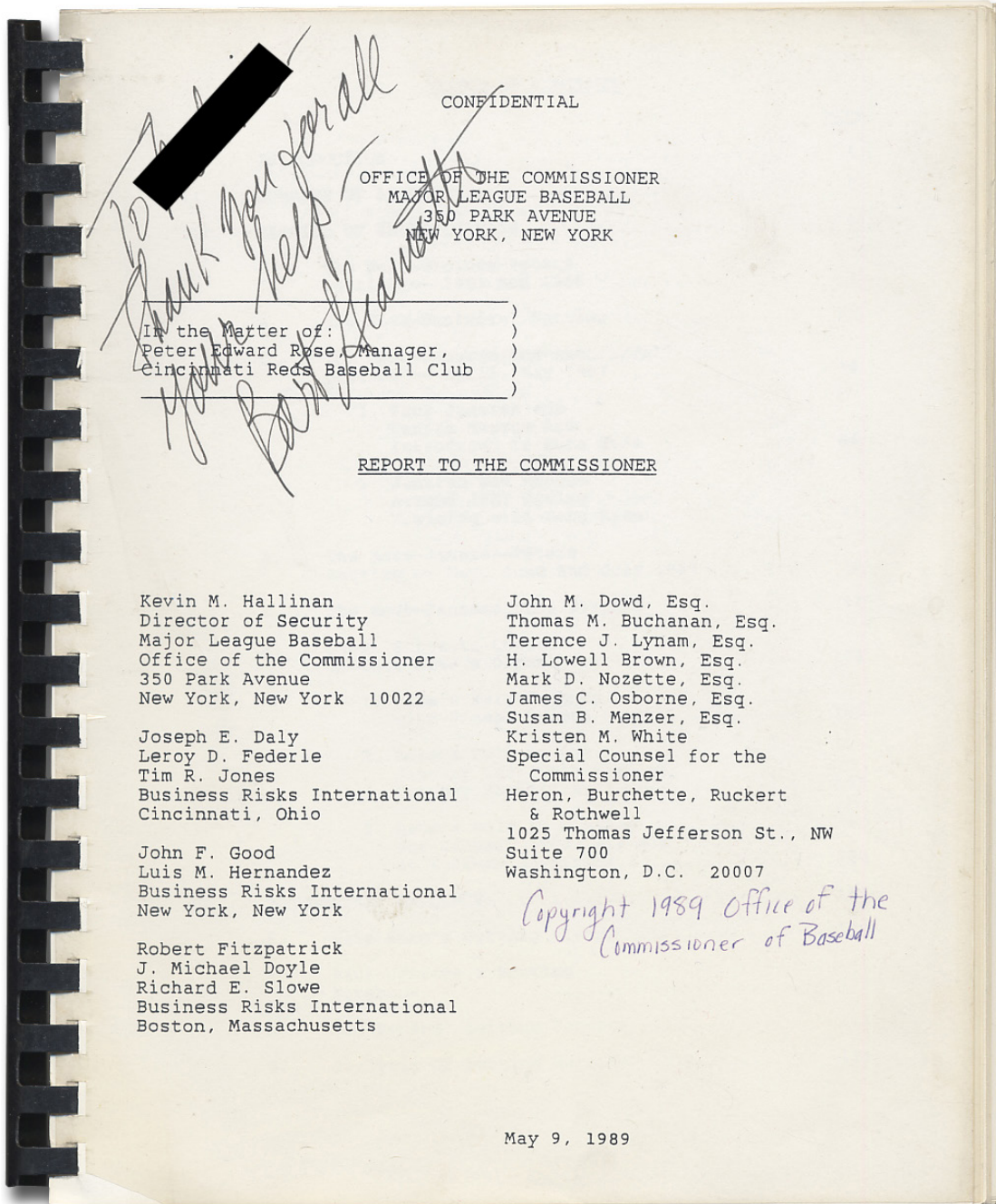


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First edition. Quarto. Plastic comb-bound photo duplicated pages with a clear plastic front cover, and card rear cover. 225pp. Handwritten copyright notice on the title leaf. A small chip and tear on the plastic front cover, page edges a bit thumbbed, a near fine copy. The damning report prepared by attorney John Dowd for the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, which resulted in the lifetime ban of Pete Rose from Major League Baseball. This copy Inscribed by the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to a young attorney in Dowd's office: "To —, Thank you for all your help — Bart Giamatti." Purchased by us directly from the attorney, then working in Dowd's office, who reports that when Giamatti received the

final report at Dowd's office, he promised to sign autographs for the staff, most of whom proffered baseballs. Our friend offered the report instead, the evidence of which we offer here. Apparently later generation copies of this report occasionally appear in the sports world signed by either Dowd or Rose, but we have not heard of another copy signed by Giamatti, who died less than four months later at the age of 51, only eight days after his final decision to ban Rose. Rare thus. [BTC#85438]