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SUBJ: Stocking Plan

Please find enclosed the stocking plan for the 6 new franchises in the United States Football League. The territorial school assignments and the pro club assignments are effective immediately. Within the next day or so, you will be receiving under separate cover, the completed reserve allocation for each club in the USFL concerning all drafted players from the NFL from 1971 through 1982. This reserve allocation will be effective immediately upon receipt.

Please read the enclosed carefully and familiarize yourselves with its contents. If there are any questions, please contact myself or Carl Marasco.

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STOCKING PLAN AS APPROVED FOR SIX NEW FRANCHISES

The Stocking Plan consists of:

- I. TERRITORIAL SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS
- II. PRO CLUB ASSIGNMENTS (Two NFL Clubs and One CFL Club Per Expansion Team)
- III. RESERVE ALLOCATION (Random Draft)
- IV. COMMON DRAFT (Ten Bonus Choices Per Expansion Team)
- V. TERRITORIAL SCHOOLS RESERVE RIGHTS LIST (Ten Bonus Choices Per Expansion Team)
- VI. VETERAN ALLOCATION LIST (Original Twelve USFL Clubs Protect 29, Each Expansion Team Selects 24 Players)
- VII. ADDITIONAL PLAYERS AT PLAYER LIMIT REDUCTIONS

I. TERRITORIAL SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

The following territorial schools have been assigned to the six expansion clubs:

HOUSTON

Houston
Texas A&M
Rice
Texas A&I
Texas Southern

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa
Oklahoma State
Wichita State
Langston
Arkansas

JACKSONVILLE*

Georgia
Georgia Tech
Morris Brown
Duke
North Carolina State

PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh
West Virginia
Indiana State (Penn)
Kutztown State (Penn)
Virginia Tech

MEMPHIS**

Memphis State
Tennessee
Tennessee State
Vanderbilt
Middle Tennessee

SAN ANTONIO***

Texas
Baylor
Texas--El Paso
Angelo State
Southwest Texas State

- * Jacksonville's territorial schools may be reassigned if a future franchise is granted in the state of Georgia.
- ** Tennessee has been assigned from the New Jersey Generals to the Memphis franchise by pre-arrangement.
- *** San Antonio's territorial schools may be reassigned if a future franchise is granted in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Any players' rights previously allocated in the Brown Book from the above territorial schools will no longer belong to any of the 12 original clubs. All of the territorial schools previously assigned to the 12 original clubs remain the same, with the exception of the New Jersey franchise which has obtained Mississippi State to replace Tennessee.

Please take note that for purposes of the territorial draft only, Houston and San Antonio have agreed to share their ten (10) assigned schools with each club selecting five (5) players on an alternating basis, with a maximum of three (3) players selected from any one school.

II. PRO CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Each expansion team receives the rights to all USFL free agent players released by two (2) NFL clubs and one (1) CFL Club.
- B. Based on the 1983 final standings and on the 1984 draft order, the four (4) teams with the poorest records (ARIZONA WRANGLERS, WASHINGTON FEDERALS, NEW JERSEY GENERALS and DENVER GOLD) receive the rights to all USFL free agent players released by two (2) NFL Clubs.
- C. Based on the 1983 final standings and the 1984 draft order, the three (3) teams with the 5th, 6th and 7th poorest records (LOS ANGELES EXPRESS, OAKLAND INVADERS and BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS) receive the rights to all USFL free agent players released from one (1) NFL club and one (1) CFL club.
- D. Based on the 1983 final standings and the 1984 draft order, the five (5) remaining teams with the best records (TAMPA BAY BANDITS, BOSTON BREAKERS, CHICAGO BLITZ, PHILADELPHIA STARS and MICHIGAN PANTHERS), receive the rights to all USFL free agent players released by one (1) NFL club.

The Pro Club assignments are as follows:

EXPANSION TEAMS

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| 1. HOUSTON GAMBLERS | Tampa Bay; Minnesota; Winnipeg |
| 2. JACKSONVILLE BULLS | Miami; New Orleans; Montreal |
| 3. MEMPHIS | Pittsburgh; New England; Edmonton |
| 4. OKLAHOMA OUTLAWS | Kansas City; St. Louis; British Columbia |
| 5. PITTSBURGH | Seattle; Cleveland; Hamilton |
| 6. SAN ANTONIO GUNSLINGERS | Dallas; Houston; Toronto |

ORIGINAL USFL CLUBS

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| 1. ARIZONA WRANGLERS (4-14) | LA Raiders; San Diego |
| 2. WASHINGTON FEDERALS (4-14) | Baltimore; Washington |
| 3. NEW JERSEY GENERALS (6-12) | NY Giants; NY Jets |
| 4. DENVER GOLD (7-11) | Cincinnati; Denver |
| 5. LOS ANGELES EXPRESS (8-10) | LA Rams; Calgary |
| 6. OAKLAND INVADERS (9-9) | San Francisco; Saskatchewan |
| 7. BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS (9-9) | Atlanta; Ottawa |
| 8. BOSTON BREAKERS (11-7) | Buffalo |
| 9. TAMPA BAY BANDITS (11-7) | Green Bay |
| 10. CHICAGO BLITZ (12-6) | Chicago |
| 11. PHILADELPHIA STARS (15-3) | Philadelphia |
| 12. MICHIGAN PANTHERS (12-6)
Championship Game Winner | Detroit |

These pro club rights are in effect immediately. Please take note that pro club rights are not valid if player is from (1) an assigned territorial school and (2) has been randomly allocated in the Brown Book. It is important to highlight that pro club assignments are the third order of priority in establishing USFL rights to players.

All reserved negotiating rights to players released by the NFL or CFL as of September 1, 1983 will remain in effect for each USFL club as its rights existed to that player on the above date. USFL clubs negotiating rights to an NFL or CFL terminated player will be frozen as of September 1, 1983 and will not change even though a player is re-signed by another NFL or CFL club after September 1, 1983 and thereafter released in 1983.

III. RESERVE ALLOCATION

Expansion and original teams will have reserve negotiating rights to players drafted by the NFL from their territorial schools from 1971 through 1982 with the following exception: Any player currently under USFL contract remains with the team he is under contract to. The territorial school players have been withdrawn from the reserve list (Brown Book) and so have all players who had been under contract in the USFL and subsequently waived. There will be a new random draft for the negotiating rights of all remaining players for the 18 teams in the USFL. This random draft is currently being prepared and the list will be mailed to all clubs as soon as possible.

IV. COMMON DRAFT

The 1984 USFL Common Draft has been reduced from 24 to 19 rounds.

The six expansion teams will have additional bonus picks in each odd numbered round (1-19) for a total of 10 bonus picks each. In the first round of the draft, the six expansion teams will select at the top of the round and the bottom of the round. In the second round, the six expansion teams will pick at the bottom of the round. In the third round, the six expansion teams will pick at the top of the round and at the bottom of the round, etc.

Therefore, in all odd numbered rounds of the draft, the six expansion teams will pick at the top and bottom of each round and for the even rounds of the draft, the six expansion teams will pick at the bottom of the round. Order of selection for the expansion teams will be drawn by lot and order will be reversed for each segment.

All original USFL clubs that have acquired choices for 1984 in rounds 20 through 24 will be given a bonus choice at the conclusion of the 1984 common draft.

V. TERRITORIAL SCHOOL RESERVE RIGHTS LIST

The six expansion teams will receive ten (10) bonus selections from their five (5) assigned territorial schools. Therefore, the 12 original USFL clubs will select 20 (instead of 26) players from their territorial schools and the six expansion teams will select 30 players from their five assigned territorial schools.

VI. VETERAN ALLOCATION LIST

The six expansion teams will be able to select a total of 144 players from the 12 original USFL franchises. Rosters of all players under contract to the 12 original clubs as of July 5, 1983 will be used for conducting the veteran allocation draft.

The 12 original USFL clubs may protect a maximum of 29 players from their rosters (as of 7/5/83). The six expansion teams will then, by order of selection drawn by lot (and reversed after each expansion team has had an opportunity to select a player), select 12 players from each of the original 12 USFL clubs.

Every time a player is selected from one of the original clubs, that club may protect an additional player provided that a total of twelve players be made available in the expansion draft. If, by protecting an additional player after each selection, original club cannot provide a total of twelve players, that club will not be able to protect additional players in order to meet the required twelve.

By means of this selection process, each of the six expansion teams will receive a total of 24 players.

Each player on the original 12 clubs' rosters with no-trade or non-assignable contracts or full salary guarantees for 1984 must be one of the 29 protected players.

The six expansion teams shall be privy to all medical information and reports and salary information regarding the non-protected players. Each of the six expansion teams will be able to request two (2) game films of their choosing from the 1983 season from each of the original 12 USFL clubs. Film must be returned one week after receipt.

The 12 original USFL clubs must provide to the League Office the 29 protected players on August 22, 1983 prior to 4:00 p.m. New York time. The list of available players will then be transmitted to the 6 expansion teams. The actual selecting of players by the expansion clubs

will commence on September 8, 1983 at noon (New York time). Expansion clubs will have 5 minutes to select a player and the original clubs will have 5 minutes to protect an additional player.

VII. ADDITIONAL PLAYERS AT PLAYER LIMIT REDUCTIONS

The six expansion teams will be allowed to carry 5 additional players in excess of the player limit at each mandatory cutdown date. Furthermore, the six expansion teams may carry an additional three players in excess of the player limit for the first two games of the season. These three players must be released the day after the playing of the second game. Expansion clubs must reduce their rosters from five additional players to three additional players the day before the first game. These three additional players may not suit up for a game.