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United States Senate
Minority Leader

February 19, 1963

The Honorable
Otto Kerner
Governor
State Of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor:

Note the attached letter from Robert Moses, New York World's Fair 1964-1965 Corporation, in which he refers to the Walt Disney Circarama and the need for action so that it will be included as the central point in the Illinois exhibit.

Mr. Moses believes there should be early and expeditious action. I presume you are familiar with this and I sincerely hope that some action will be forthcoming without delay.

Hope this finds you well.

Sincerely,


Everett McKinley Dirksen

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ROBERT MOSES
PRESIDENT

February 11, 1963

PERSONAL

Honorable Everett M. Dirksen
United States Senator
204 Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator:

You have long been a recognized authority on Lincoln. This is an enthusiasm which you share not only with Carl Sandburg, but with many others. There is something specific you can do to promote and satisfy interest in Lincoln, and at the same time to aid the World's Fair and the State of Illinois. Let me explain briefly.

Walt Disney has for a long time been working on a Circarama called "One Nation Under God" or the "Hall of Presidents". It features Lincoln, life-size, rising from a chair and speaking, with a background of dramatic action pictures and music. It is one of the most moving things I have ever seen. I don't know whether the entire "Hall of Presidents" is needed. Lincoln is the main feature or cynosure. We would like to have this Circarama presented as part of the exhibit of the State of Illinois at the Fair. Illinois has signed up, but has done nothing further. Preparations are lagging and the time is short. I believe you could be most influential in persuading the authorities of the State to make this Lincoln exhibit the main feature of the Illinois Pavilion. I am persuaded that this would be one of the most popular exhibits in the entire Fair.

I have asked our Executive Vice-President, General William Potter, to see you about this at your convenience. I am sure that he will be glad to come to Washington at almost any time.

Honorable Everett M. Dirksen

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Again I must emphasize the fact that there are only 304 working days left before the Fair opens and that all this takes a lot of organizing as well as building. On the other hand, Walt Disney tells us that he can finish this exhibit on time.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes, likely representing the name of the President mentioned in the text below.

President