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Hon. Otto J. Kerner, Governor
State of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor Kerner:

I seem to have become a controversial character in the current row over the Chicago schools survey and I think this makes me a very poor person to serve with Mayor Daley as Co-Chairman of the Committee for the Illinois Exhibit at the New York World's Fair.

It is going to be necessary to raise some money for this exhibit and I think the effort should be headed by someone who is not connected with any other issue presently before the community.

Since your nomination of me has never been made official and couldn't be, I suspect, before the enabling act is passed, I hope you will choose someone else for the appointment.

As you know, we have done some work on site with the Disney organization and are well along with the plans for the exhibit which would feature Disney's figure of Abraham Lincoln, and I will be glad to turn over all the information I have to whomever you suggest. And I also will help the new Co-Chairman in any way I can.

I have approached Emmett Dedmon, Paul Angle, Henry Crown, David Kennedy, Ralph Hannon, Mrs. Walter Sappala and Mrs. Edmund Rogers, III, and they have agreed to help in any way they can.

I don't have to tell you how sorry I am that I find it necessary to write this letter.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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June 3, 1963

Secretary!

Mr. Victor DeGrazia
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State of Illinois
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Dear Vic:

I appreciate your note of last week more than I can tell you.

I think we worked out our difficulties about as well as we could have.

Incidentally, this doesn't change my feeling about the World's Fair exhibit. I am writing Governor Kerner today suggesting that he appoint Ralph Newman to co-chairmanship with Mayor Daley.

Of course I will help any way I can. I just don't want to be in front under the circumstances; there are too many people unhappy with me who might be a nuisance.

Sincerely,

