

December 3, 1963

Mr. Philip Hampson  
Executive Director  
Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust  
Tribune Tower  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hampson:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Illinois State Historical Society we wish to thank the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust for its very generous gift of \$50,000 to this Society. The money will be used to properly house and display the Everett copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in the Illinois building at the New York World's Fair, 1964-65.

The Illinois State Historical Society handed a check in the amount of \$50,000 to Mr. Ralph G. Newman, Chairman, Illinois Commission, New York World's Fair, on November 19, 1963 so that the work of creating this Gettysburg Address shrine will go forward without delay.

We wish to thank the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust again for this grant of \$50,000. It will make it possible to present in dramatic surroundings one of the great documents of American history to all who visit the Illinois pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

Sincerely yours,

*Clyde C. Walton*

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