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2 November 1963

Dr Clyde C. Walton, Executive Director
Illinois State Historical Society
Centennial Building
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Clyde:

I am herewith sending you a copy of a letter dated 30 October 1963 from the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust together with a check for \$50,000.00 made payable to the Illinois State Historical Society.

As you will note from the contents of the letter, these funds are to be used by the Illinois Commission, New York World's Fair for the exhibit of Lincoln material, and by agreement with the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust, specifically for the construction of an exhibit to house the Illinois' copy of the manuscript of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. At the completion of the New York World's Fair in the Fall of 1965, or earlier, we shall deliver the exhibit facilities involved in this feature to your organization for permanent custody.

Will you kindly have a check drawn in the amount of \$50,000.00, made payable to Illinois Commission, New York World's Fair, and deliver same to this office at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,

Ralph G. Newman, chairman

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cc: James A. Cassin
Gilbert Twiss

President
GILBERT G. TWISS, Chicago

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTENNIAL BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

November 19, 1963

Mr. Ralph G. Newman
Chairman, Illinois Commission
New York World's Fair
Room 533, 160 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Ralph:

I hand to you with this letter Illinois State Historical Society check #5008 in the amount of \$50,000. This sum of money was given recently to the Society by the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust for the purpose of housing and displaying the Illinois copy of the Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's hand and for housing and displaying other documents owned by the Society and the Illinois State Historical Library at the New York World's Fair in 1964-65.

It is our understanding that you will work closely with the Executive Director of the Society, Mr. Clyde C. Walton, in determining the details of the cases and methods used in this display of Lincoln material. We were very pleased that the McCormick Charitable Trust made this grant to the Society for its display of the Gettysburg Address and other Lincolniana at the New York World's Fair. The Society is equally pleased to present you with this check for \$50,000 with the understanding that this sum will be used to construct the Gettysburg shrine in the Illinois exhibit at the New York World's Fair and for the general exhibition of our Lincolniana at the same place.

Sincerely yours

Gilbert G. Twiss
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President

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October 30, 1963

Mr. Ralph S. Newman,
Chairman, Illinois Commission
New York World's Fair
Room 533, 150 North La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Trustees of the Robert R. McCormick Charitable Trust have approved your request for financial support for the Illinois State Historical Society exhibit of Lincoln material at the New York World's Fair in 1964. They are pleased to hand you this check for \$50,000 to help the project. I may state that the Trustees were influenced in granting the request by the fact that the Lincoln exhibit is to be returned to Illinois and placed in the custody of the Illinois State Historical Society.

For your information, the McCormick Charitable Trust is empowered under the Internal Revenue Department regulation known as Section 501 (c) (3) to make grants to the Illinois State Historical Society. It is for this reason that the grant is being made to the Illinois State Historical Society with the proviso that the money is to be used for the Lincoln exhibit.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip Hampson
Philip Hampson
Executive Director

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Enclosure