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Mr. Gene Graves
Executive Director
Illinois State Board of Economic Development
State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Graves:

We have just learned of your appointment as Executive Director of the Illinois State Board of Economic Development and as Secretary of the Illinois World's Fair Commission. We look forward to working with you on the Illinois Exhibit and want you to know that the facilities of the Fair Corporation are available to you at any time.

We would like to reiterate our recommendation that the Illinois World's Fair Commission come to Flushing Meadow as soon as possible to see the progress to date and to inspect the site selected for the Illinois Pavilion. It is only here that one can get the true picture of the excitement and progress being made. Time is growing exceedingly short and work should be started on the building's foundation as soon as possible in order that it be completed before the fall frost.

I hope you will keep us up-to-date on the progress on your state's participation and will let us be of assistance. We would appreciate as much advance notice as possible of visits to the Fair by representatives of your commission and your state in order that we can avoid conflicts.

I hope we have the opportunity to meet with you personally in the near future.

Cordially,



M. R. Pender
Director of State Exhibits