

ILLINOIS COMMISSION - NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

TO: Virginia Marmaduke
FROM: Jim Cassin
SUBJECT: Disposition of Properties at Illinois Pavilion

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I am not sure there is a story for Joe Eggelhoff in our disposition of properties at the close of the Fair. Here are some random thoughts and statements that you can pass on, although most of them are pretty well qualified.

The equestrian statue by Anna Hyatt Huntington is a gift to the people of Illinois from the National Arts Foundation and is destined for New Salem State Park as part of the previous arrangement. The copy of the Borglum bust will be located in that State of Illinois Building in Chicago. Arrangements are being completed with Jim Ronan, Director of Finance, who is in charge of the Chicago building. All of the colored photographs, slide film, and other tourist promotion pieces will be turned over to the Division of Tourism of the Department of Business and Economic Development for use in exhibits and their work with local groups in Illinois.

The historical items, i.e., the Lincoln Photo Gallery, the Illinois "Firsts", the Distinguished Illinoisans, the Manuscript Room display cases, and all of the library furnishings will be turned over to the State Historical Library, and are part of the plans for their new home in the restored State Capitol (Sangamon County Court House) in Springfield.

The map outlines and graphs that make up the "Illinois Plans for the Future" will be made available to the Department of Business and Economic Development for industrial development activities.

The General Store inventory in the Hill-McNamar Cabin will be added to the fine collection of antiques at New Salem State Park. The cabin itself cannot be moved because of the extremely high costs of dismantling and shipping.

Office equipment and furniture is under the jurisdiction of the state Property Control Section and will be assigned where needed within the state government. All of the properties will be picked up at the Fair by the agency claiming them at the conclusion of this season. Of course, things like the Douglas miniature, and other items loaned by private collectors, will be returned. Gifts to the Pavilion such as books, framed maps, etc. will be turned over to the Historical Library for display and/or storage.

The economics of salvage at the World's Fair make it impossible to recover items such as guide rails, building equipment (door openers, plumbing fixtures, etc.), and landscaping (although the Lincoln rose bushes may be transplanted as a public service by the Garden Club or some similar organization for use at the Mansion or State Capitol).

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You now know as much as I do about present plans for distributing Pavilion assets. The literal truth is that there is not that much that has a second use by the state, but I would hate to see that become the theme of any news article.

Maybe you can twist the story to say that the most important item that we are keeping from the Pavilion is the good will of the visitors, the long term interest in travel to Illinois, and the respect of the business community (mentioning how we plan to follow up with a bread and butter letter from Gene Graves calling attention to our economic development potential).

I hope this is of some use to you.

JAC:ltw