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WILLIAM G. CLARK
ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS
SPRINGFIELD

August 18, 1965

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\$21,300

James A. Cassin
Executive Director
Illinois Commission
New York World's Fair 1964-1965
Flushing, New York 11380

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Mr. Cassin:

I am returning two copies of the proposed contract between the Illinois Commission and Walt Disney Productions Disneyland Division. I am unable to approve this contract for the following reasons:

(1) The contract states that the proposed area to be leased at Disneyland is for the "dissemination of information regarding tourism in the State of Illinois." This is, of course, a normal function of the Department of Business and Economic Development. The Illinois Commission on the New York World's Fair is not authorized to perform this task. The Illinois Commission is authorized to lease and deal with construction only at the site of the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York. A review of House Bill No. 836, passed by the 73rd General Assembly in 1963, fails to show any legal basis upon which the proposed contract and expenditures of the Commission's fund could be predicated.

(2) The lease agreement is ambiguous as concerns its time of running. This term is set out on page 2 of the contractual letter at the fourth full paragraph. It, in essence, leaves the matter open for further negotiation concerning the opening date of the booth to be constructed in Disneyland. By these terms, the lease could run beyond June 30, 1967, when this biennium ends. It is prohibited by Illinois law, absent explicit statutory authority, to lease for more than a biennium period.

October 29, 1965

Mr. Jack Sayres, Exhibitor Relations Director
WED Enterprises, Inc.
1401 Flower Street
Grand Central Industrial Centre
Glendale, California

Dear Mr. Sayres:

This letter will confirm your conversation with James Cassin, of our Department, regarding the payment of our obligation for our tourism display now in operation at Disneyland.

We are sorry for the delay in payment. As you know, we learned, after our mutual agreement, that the New York World's Fair Commission could not participate in the Disneyland effort. Frankly, our problem has been one of determining how we could pay for this exhibit out of our present budget. We have solved the problem but we will have to pay for this exhibit in two stages. Please send us your invoice for \$6600, which is to cover the cost of the exhibition's operation from July 18, through December 31, 1965. In order to speed payment on this portion, we are enclosing a State of Illinois voucher, in the amount of \$6600, which must be signed by you (place for signature is designated with an x). Please sign the state voucher form and return to us, together with your invoice for \$6600. As soon as we have these we will forward them on to the Finance Department for payment. The balance of \$10,000 will be forthcoming from other funds which will not be available until after the first of the year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We appreciate the fine job you and the Disneyland staff are doing in our behalf. We have had many fine comments on both the Lincoln Presentation and Illinois Tourism Display.

Sincerely,

Gene Graves

bcc: Mr. James A. Cassin *JAC*
Mr. Richard J. Newman
Mr. Ralph G. Newman