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30 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois

September 20, 1963

AIR MAIL

Mr. Victor W. Greene
Art Director
WED Enterprises, Inc.
800 Sonora Avenue
Glendale 1, California

Subject: Illinois Exhibit
New York World's Fair

Dear Mr. Greene:

Herewith are two (2) sets of definitive coordination drawings dated September 20, 1963, showing the proposed site plan, floor plan, section, elevations and details of the pavilion. Also enclosed are two copies of our tentative schedule showing completion dates of major phases of work for each responsible party, and several photographs of our study model.

The problems of achieving an acceptable pavilion design, including other exhibits, services, etc., within the budget established by the State's appropriation have been extremely difficult. Several modifications in the theater area have been necessary. We hope that you will find the imposed conditions acceptable.

Economically, we are unable to increase the height of the cyclorama screen. Also, the over-all length of the theater cannot be reasonably increased from that shown. It will be somewhat difficult and expensive to conceal the ceiling speakers in the theater. However, we believe this can be achieved if we may have the final dimensional requirements.

Please review the enclosed information carefully and advise us as follows:

1. Dimensional requirements and structural support requirements:
 - a. Approximate weight of Lincoln figure and the equipment below.

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Please advise us immediately of any misunderstanding we may have on this subject.

Very truly yours,

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- cc: Mr. Ralph Newman, Illinois Commission
- Mr. Victor Greene, WED Ent. (2)
- Mr. Peter DeJongh, Fuller

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- b. Opening or openings through structural floor under figure .
 - c. Openings for projection from machine room (onto cyclorama and capitol dome screen).
 - d. Preferred or available location for stairway and private toilet in machine room.
 - e. Access way required for move-in and removal of equipment below stage.
 - f. Dimensional requirements for projection from rear of theater.
 - g. Light trough requirements, curtain track enclosure, dropped ceiling over stage, and any other dimensional requirements in this area.
 - h. Speaker sizes and locations (the exact locations in the ceiling will depend on joist clearances).
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2. Power requirements and location of outlets, for either fixed or plug-in connections. Also conduit runs for wiring to be installed by WED. Also conduit and or wiring for speakers, if to be installed by the general contractor.
 3. Special finish requirements if any (paint colors, materials, acoustic treatment, etc.) for surfaces to be finished by general contractor (theater walls, cyclorama, stage apron, etc.).
 4. Your comments concerning the schedule.

Before Thursday, September 26, we should have from you any information which might affect the basic structural dimensions, as well as a summary of power requirements for equipment and lighting. All other requirements listed above (except color selections, etc.) should be submitted to us no later than October 14.

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Our plan is that Fuller will proceed with construction not later than October 1, including excavating, pouring concrete foundations, purchase of structural steel and brick, and installation of underground services. Any delay of this will make completion of the exhibit by April 22 practically impossible.

If, upon review of this, it appears the problems cannot be resolved directly by submittal of information, we should consider a coordination meeting so that valuable time will not be lost in a repeated exchange of correspondence.

We will await your comments.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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