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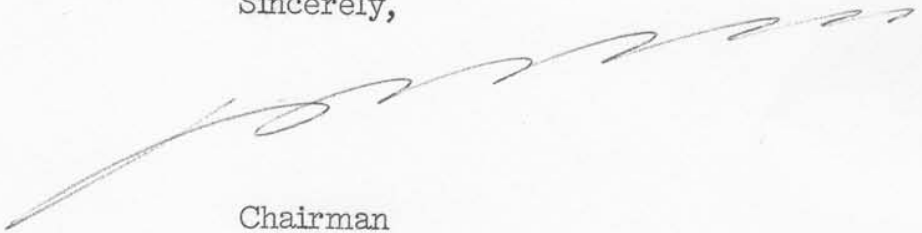
PERSONAL

Hon. Francis J. Bloustein
Vice Chairman
City Planning Commission
2 Lafayette Street
New York, N. Y. 10007

Dear Frank:

I hope you will take a lively personal interest in the East Bronx Expressway with all its incidental possibilities in saving the waterfront, parks, beaches, etc. It's the only shorefront left open and unprotected. The only question before the House right now is getting the amendment to the State Highway law and map, indicating the beginning and end of the project without any detail as to the route and other future factors. You know the opposition and the efforts to keep the amendment off in this election year.

Sincerely,



Chairman

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December 4, 1959

Hon. Francis J. Bloustein
City Planning Commission
2 Lafayette Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

I would like to talk with you and Newbold again about the City Center and its relation to Performing Arts at Lincoln Square. I'm not sure I can do anything very constructive, but will try. How about dropping in for lunch at 1 P.M. at Randall's after the next meeting of the Slum Clearance Committee? Will you please speak to Newbold.

Cordially,

Chairman

RM:MR

(Confirmation of telephoned message by Mrs. Van Wyck)

Appointment confirmed for December 14th at 1:00 p.m.
at Randall's Island.

A. V. W.

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GENERAL MANAGER

August 22, 1963

Hon. Francis J. Bloustein
Vice Chairman
City Planning Commission
2 Lafayette Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

Of course I don't go along with your proposal to take the shore in front of the apartments and cottages. It is wholly unnecessary, puts a blight on the property back of it, would involve large consequential damage and represents the kind of compromise which makes no friends in the long run. Nevertheless, you are at least largely on the side of the angels and it took nerve, as I said before, to oppose a scheme which will surely get the authors into trouble if for the moment they prevail.

Best,



Chairman

RM:amh

ROBERT MOSES
ONE GRACIE TERRACE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028

December 18, 1964

NATAL DAY

(To a few friends, and for God's sake, no more congratulations!)

Saw light and truth at Dwight Street, New Haven,
December 18, 1888. Following gleam through encircling gloom ever
since.

Latest milestone, great grandson - Oh Bhoy, the things
he will see, the things he will see!

Up betimes. Breakfast at new apartment at One Gracie
Terrace overlooking Triborough, Queens, Welfare Island and the
Drive. No bread. Still 195 pounds of you know what.

As I look out of my windows on the East River below Hell
Gate, I observe the tugs, tows, tankers and freighters which go smooth-
ly with the tide, surely the prudent course, and those which buck it, re-
gardless of gas, oil, time and tide. The barge folk are carried along
either way. Usually they carry a cat, river dog, parrot or canary, but
no ivory, apes and peacocks.

To the Fair, past the airport where Fiorello was en-
shrined a few days ago. Lift your hat, compare, to the Little Flower.
He helped conserve and reclaim, levelled dumps, urged us to swallow
our smoke. O, Corona, Corona!

Fair winterized, shuttered, cold, clean and awaiting Spring.
Mail and memos reflect new pageantry, promotion, retrenchment, con-
fetti, brickbats, mobiles, stabiles, praises, hisses, gadgets, panaceas,
quaint devices, open sesames, laughter, liniment, caviar, larger hot
dogs, thicker hamburgers.

Next hurdle after a bigger and better summer at the Fair is
demolition, salvage, restoration and a fine City park. This looks like a
Donnybrook rather than a Flushing Meadow Fair, which means that it

resembles every major public improvement in this overcrowded, sophisticated, cynical, captious and altogether fascinating town.

In this context, noted recent admirable radio and other tributes to the late Bill O'Dwyer. The Irish know their wakes and embroideries. Damn near rouse the dead with funereal artistry. True catafalquous obituaries. See forthcoming glossary a la James Joyce. Trot with Ireland's best, pale rider.

Big discussion this past week of Churchill's "Finest Hours", apropos of plan of Joyce Hall of Hallmark to bring Churchill memorabilia to the Fair. By way of contrast with heroism in war, and the saga in which the Channel and Churchill saved the King, I looked up Sean O'Casey's "Sunset", recalling his stripping warfare of glamor, glory and romance, and reducing it to simple human terms.

And for 1965? Rendezvous in space? Provocation by Brezhnev? Atoms for peace? Manoeuvring at Washington, in the U.N., in the Supreme Court? One-man, one-vote? Instant integration? Immediate guaranteed Civil Rights? Plankton for breakfast? Bigger second season for the World's Fair? What else? You tell.

I have been fortunate in my family, friends, surroundings, chores and opposition. Nobody owes me a thing.

As for me, a battered, almost indecipherable, milestone is left behind, and no turning back.

Take your skinny hand off me,
old Father Time,
I hear the loud bassoon and am
off to the wedding.

ROBERT MOSES

Recd 10/2/59

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October 1, 1959

MEMORANDUM TO FRANCIS J. BLOUSTEIN
FROM COMMISSIONER MOSES

I suggest you call John D. Rockefeller III. I told him you would be prepared to discuss with him informally certain features of the proposed City Center move to Lincoln Square.

RM:RS

Co-Ordinator

February 12, 1953

Hon. Robert Moses,
270 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

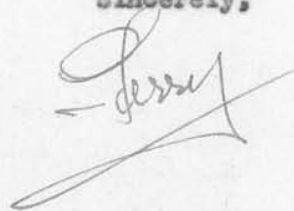
Dear Bob:

Thanks for your good wishes. Although there is quite a way to go, I am making steady progress, and should be back on the job before too long.

In the meantime I dont see any point in getting personal. Our differences are clean-cut. I believe the present zoning is so obsolete it cant be fixed up. You believe it can. I couldnt help observing that when you were queried about midtown congestion last night on TV you said it was due to overbuilding - and that is the very area in which the courts upset the 1944 amendments to the existing zoning. Looks to me like an argument for my side.

Seriously, though, these things should be thrashed out in Commission meeting, as they have been from the beginning. No significant step has been taken except by vote of a clear majority of the Commission, which is, of course, the way it should be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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April 22, 1964

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As we open our gates, we know that the work we have done over the past four years will result in a record-breaking attendance. Far more than seventy million people from throughout the world will visit Flushing Meadow during 1964 and 1965. We can assure one and all the time of their lives.

We will all remember what we have done here for the rest of our lives.

Cordially,

Robert Moses,
President