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DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

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JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Allen:

Some months ago we employed two experts to evaluate the canvas painting of the Cyclorama of The Battle of Atlanta. At that time, we were advised that the painting could possibly fall in the next four or five years. Already, two years of that time has passed. The City of Atlanta has not reached a decision on whether to remodel the existing building or replace it with a new one and, if the latter course is followed, where the new location should be.

The undersigned is of the opinion that a new building is needed and that it should be placed in Grant Park. Based on preliminary figures supplied to us by an architectural firm, plus the cost rendered to us by the art experts, Charles Davis has computed that it would take \$3,000,000 to adequately finance a new structure.

Alderman Leftwich and I wish to urge the City that if a future bond issue is offered to the public that one of the high priority items to be funds necessary for the restoration of the painting and the proper housing of it.

Thanking you for any support you can give this, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius

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General Manager of
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cc: All Finance Committee Members
All Park Committee Members
Mr. C. L. Davis, Comptroller

