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Dear Melanne:

To update you on the Atlanta show, which is getting more and more exciting, the trustees there are most hopeful that preferably both the President and Mrs. C., but in any case the First Lady, might attend the black tie preview dinner on Tuesday, June 25. (There is also a second preview for a larger group, but also black tie, the next night, Wednesday the 26th, if the 25th were impossible. There is also a reception that our corporate sponsor Equifax is giving on Thursday the 27th.)

I know that she felt that the public opening on July 4 would probably be complicated by virtue of the demands on everyone's time around that holiday, and therefore I am wondering if we could begin to get our bid in for the previous week. (You will remember that I wrote you on January 10, and sent you some materials on the show. We would be happy to provide some more if it were useful.)

Do let me know what formal steps one should take. I would dearly love both you and Hillary to experience this exhibition, which is quite unprecedented.

With warmest wishes,

As ever,



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