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Mr. George W. Marston, Chairman,
Buildings & Grounds Committee, Panama-California
Exposition, San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Marston:

I thank you very heartily for your
extremely kind expressions contained in your letter
of the 26th ultimo.

I am in active correspondence, partly through
night letters, with Mr. Dawson as to modifications and
extensions of our preliminary plan No. 3 for the Expo-
sition grounds, and from what he says I think we shall
be able to arrive at very satisfactory conclusions. I
suppose everybody is exceedingly anxious now "to see the
dirt fly", but of course we know that it is wise to study
plans very thoroughly before entering upon actual con-
struction work, as otherwise work is liable to have to

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be done over again or awkward and unsatisfactory arrangements endured.

Mr. Dawson will no doubt keep you posted in detail as to my advice so there is no need of writing you as to particular motives of design. I am greatly pleased with Mr. Wangenheim's attitude toward the work and particularly his willingness to be guided to a great extent by your views.

Yours truly,