

I'm addressing this to the three of you confidentially -  
~~to~~ <sup>For</sup> to reactivate a phrase I haven't used for some thirty-odd  
years - "Eyes Only". My reasons for the confidentiality are,  
I think, <sup>valid</sup> ~~important~~ - and it's my devout hope that <sup>of this submission</sup> ~~they will be~~ <sup>it will</sup> ~~receive the same attentive, friendly~~  
~~considered with the same courtesy and professional understanding~~  
~~you~~ afforded me throughout our recent all-too-few-all-too-brief  
meetings.

*The ensuing comment and suggested material*  
For my part, I intend ~~them~~ to reflect my understanding  
of ~~both~~ the magnitude of the <sup>PROJECT</sup> ~~project~~ to which you've been  
committed <sup>also my enthusiastic support for it -</sup> and the deep responsibility I feel towards my  
<sup>personal, in particular,</sup> possible contributions to ~~it~~. Together with, (despite the  
<sup>its successful consummation. Not only</sup> absurdly short time allotted me even to indicate, much less  
<sup>the immensity of your undertaking, but the staggering</sup> fully realize that contribution) some pertinent and constructive  
<sup>potential of your PROJECT present a</sup> reactions to what I have thus far read, seen and been told -  
and, I hope, some worthy and viable suggestions for an under-  
taking and challenge <sup>quite</sup> unlike any I've encountered during a  
very full half-century of writing, directing and producing  
entertainment of all kinds for audiences of all ages and  
varied demands:

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establishments (in your case not only ~~Major~~, but the last  
survivor of your species) are very often routinely fed into  
a copying machine and distributed rather more widely than  
wisely..

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or all ~~three~~ of you will disagree with some or all of my perceptions, opinions and suggestions. In which case, it seems to me, you should be presented with every opportunity to delete <sup>privately</sup> what displeases you - and either act upon, or pass on to other<sup>s</sup>, whatever you find relevant and/or helpful.

~~2) As agreed with Frank Paris, I'm still making every effort to get to you as quickly as possible my suggested content for the "Pavilion" which is now erroneously named SPACESHIP EARTH. Unhappily, however, I've been forced to conclude that "just sending along" to you the material for that very important earth-shaped "Pavilion" out of context, as it were, would be to render all of us a great disservice. I'm frankly apprehensive about <sup>submitting</sup> sending on the forthcoming material, without having had a chance at least to remind you of the overall concept within which it belongs, and which it introduces - a concept which interrelates not only all of the the "Pavilions" - but also "FUTURAMA" - and includes, indeed justifies, what I find myself calling THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF NATIONS".~~

~~3) Let me hasten to point out, if reassurance is necessary, that each and every "Pavilion" has a separate and complete identity as a fully realized individual attraction/production - providing for its audience a total experience of what should be unique entertainment and (one hopes) enlightenment. The concept of "interrelation" <sup>was he</sup> is never heavy-handed, or belabored; its treatment will be such that visitors will, <sup>quint</sup> within~~



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within themselves and by themselves, inevitably become aware of it..

4) In addition to our concept, perhaps overlaying it: [perhaps - who knows? - the source of a new name for your <sup>Project</sup> entire project] - I want to present, for your consideration, a Theme. But, please - you've been considerate and patient thus far with me - let me disclose it when and where in this document it should be made known..

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2) 3) Facing ('challenging' might be more accurate) me from the opposite wall of my study as I write this, is the large striking color photograph of the "EPCOT" model, with which Marty Sklar was kind enough to provide me. Visually, it's almost staggeringly intriguing and impressive. Both as a physical <sup>configuration</sup> ~~concept~~ and as <sup>technological achievement</sup> ~~an achievement of technology~~, it is - in every true meaning of the word - unique. Only DISNEY/WED, in all the world, could conceptualize a structural compound such as this - and only DISNEY, <sup>WED</sup> ~~uniquely~~ <sup>DISNEY/WED -</sup> ~~DISNEY~~ could make of it an actuality.

What, then, I must ask myself, can I possibly contribute - ~~What prompted that first phone call to me from my good and gifted friend, John DeGuir -~~ and why was I sent for? After all, whatever creative expertise I've acquired after fifty years of professional experience is <sup>people</sup> ~~is~~ people. Young and old, living and long gone, the raw material with ~~which~~ and ~~- and, oddly enough, the market place for that work -~~ about which I've been working for a lifetime ~~- via people~~ <sup>People</sup> ~~And~~



...4 <sup>still</sup> ~~also~~ has always been, and is -  
And ~~always~~, oddly enough, the marketplace for my work has always  
been - people. People as audiences.. non-animatronic

structure One can build a ~~house~~ which nobody wants either  
to buy, rent, or live in - but nevertheless, it's a structure.  
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be until it's either torn down or rots away. However, ~~no one~~  
~~can~~ ~~no one has, or ever will~~ ~~create~~ - and nobody ever has or ever will - create an enter-  
tainment, a work of art, a star performer, a public attraction  
of any ~~kind~~ <sup>importance</sup> whatsoever, unless a continuing and approving  
audience confirms the actuality ~~of that~~ <sup>its identity as an</sup> entertainment,  
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~~audience-affirmation of its substance and validity -~~  
~~ever lived - or lives, to my knowledge - qualified and/or~~  
~~to all intents and purposes, its creator might just as~~  
~~competent to point at any book, play, painting, film,~~  
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~~Audiences will evaluate significant public attractions~~  
~~Creativity, not only the execution but also the content~~  
~~not only in terms of its technological display but, more often than not~~  
~~of the 'creation', is evaluated always against standards -~~  
~~these days - most importantly look to its content, and the intent~~  
~~low or high, according to its intent (an important noun -~~  
~~of that content.~~ the Proctor  
relative to "EPCOT" (it must be kept in mind). A dreadful,  
~~tasteless, tit-and-titter dirty movie can - and does - rake~~  
~~in barrels of moolah for the contemporary producer/packager/~~  
~~procurer.~~ <sup>of today.</sup> Counting his money, he hides very glibly behind  
one of the many nonsensical cliché defensive shibboleths

~~Standards are no longer simply 'high or low', G, PG, R or~~  
~~X; an entire spectrum of applicable standards now exists~~



our business ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> unhappily too often accepted: "nobody liked it but the customers", "I'm crying all the way to the bank", "if it makes money, it's a good picture; if it loses money, it's a bad picture", etc. Jacqueline Susann repeatedly boasted in public that her writing was "better" than that of William Faulkner and Sinclair Lewis because she "outsold" them ten to one." Faulkner and Lewis will be read by our grandchildren; Ms. Susann has already joined Kathleen Winsor and Elinor Glyn on the other side of Lethe..

I've set high standards for myself, perhaps too high for my reach. But ~~the mere fact that I can't attain the~~ <sup>just because I haven't yet attained</sup> standards I demand of myself <sup>is</sup> no reason for abandoning them. I'm quite sure that the same - and there the resemblance ends, believe me - was true <sup>of</sup> to Walter Elias Disney.

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<sup>THE</sup> And WALT DISNEY WORLD, <sup>factually</sup> ~~seriously~~ and realistically <sup>examined</sup> ~~is~~ - in just about every possible <sup>applicable</sup> ~~practical~~ aspect - EPCOT. In his speech before the Urban Land Institute on October 5, 1976, Cardon Walker devoted most of it to that <sup>but existing -</sup> ~~incredible~~ <sup>the</sup> technological breakthrough of major obstacles faced by modern communal living - one to which <sup>continuously</sup> ~~people~~ <sup>believers</sup> pilgrimage



~~growing audience~~ - THE pilgrimage from every corner of the earth, known to them as WALT DISNEY WORLD.

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If ever I have heard an exact and explicit description of an "Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow", those words - added to the <sup>earlier</sup> information supplied by Mr. Walker - were it.

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My assignment, as I understand it, is to render  
certain services ~~to you~~ in connection with the ~~project~~ <sup>PROJECT</sup>

[known as EPCOT];

1) To <sup>review</sup> ~~examine~~ the existing suggested content of the various Pavilions which make up what could be described as the <sup>MAJOR COMPOUND</sup> ~~Major Compound~~ of the ~~Project~~ <sup>PROJECT.</sup>

2) To suggest alternate and, it is to be hoped, improved material for the Pavilions in question, so that they <sup>will present</sup> ~~together~~ together with the FUTURAMA (or FUTURE WORLD THEME CENTER; I've read or been told various names for it) - which, in turn, ~~to~~ the superbly conceptualized WORLD SHOWCASE (I hope to persuade you to change this to a nomenclature more suggestive of a NEIGHBORHOOD OF NATIONS; my reasons will soon be very clear) - all <sup>segments to</sup> ~~three~~ <sup>which together constitute</sup> ~~of which~~ fit within and, indeed, add up to ONE OVERALL CONCEPT.

3) To describe clearly not only the structure and character of <sup>this CONCEPT</sup> ~~the concept~~ but also its importance as a unique undertaking which only DISNEY, in all the world, could bring to fruition. A <sup>CONCEPT</sup> ~~concept~~, also, that will more than probably justify, indeed win <sup>understanding</sup> ~~universal~~ approval for the necessarily enormous expenditure of money required for its total realization.

4) To supply, as completely as possible, suggested material for the Pavilion now erroneously called SPACESHIP EARTH - but which, in fact, will have to do with MANKIND



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ITS  
AND ~~THE~~ PLANET EARTH: ~~AN~~ SURVIVAL, TRIUMPH, -  
~~CHOICE~~  
AND DILEMMA... (this Pavilion <sup>will,</sup> in fact, miniaturize  
almost the ~~CONCEPT~~, itself - but not quite all.)

5) To supply also one basic THEME, within which the  
concept rests - and which can characterize the entire  
~~PROJECT~~ <sup>PROJECT</sup>. And possibly supply, or inspire, either a new acronym  
or name to replace the now irrelevant "EPICOT".

6) In other words. Given the already visualized  
extraordinary OUTER CONCEPT of the total ~~PROJECT~~ <sup>PROJECT</sup> (the  
physical realization of which, I understand, has begun) -  
the area of responsibility with which this document concerns  
itself might well be described as the INNER CONCEPT..

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<sup>assumptions</sup>  
I am proceeding on ~~the~~ basic ~~assumptions~~ which I have  
~~heard~~ <sup>heard</sup> repeatedly, and with which I completely concur; ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup>

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either well-meant or malevolent misrepresentation of it -  
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"extension or magnification of WALT DISNEY WORLD."

3) Nor must the ~~PROJECT~~ <sup>PROJECT</sup> emerge - or give cause to be  
considered to have emerged - as a 'world's fair'. Not in  
any proper sense of the phrase, <sup>that description</sup> ~~not even close~~.

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This INNER CONCEPT has its origins



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