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Dear Mr. Fuller:

An American National Exhibition -- the first in more than forty years -- will be held next summer in Sokolniki Park, Moscow, for six weeks beginning July 25. This Exhibition, a direct result of cultural agreements negotiated between the U.S. and the USSR last year, will be paralleled by a Soviet exhibition in the New York Coliseum.

We hope to present in Sokolniki Park as many aspects of our society as we can, in terms of exhibits and with the participation of distinguished living Americans. The long-range impact of such an undertaking, we believe, could have a positive effect in the preservation of world peace. Ambassador Thompson estimates that there will be over 3-1/2 million Soviet visitors at the Exhibition.

As one of the most important elements of this program we are inviting not more than twelve Americans of distinguished international reputation to visit Moscow during the course of the Exhibition to participate in interviews, round-table discussions and seminars, during a three or four day visit.

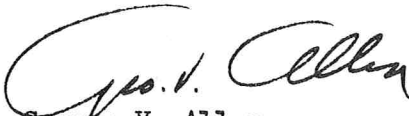
Unfortunately, our funds do not permit underwriting the travel and expenses of the individuals to whom we are extending this invitation. We can therefore only appeal to them as patriotic citizens and advise them that inasmuch as they will be coming officially at the request of the United States Government their expenses will be tax deductible.

All of us here agree that your presence in Moscow would be of very great value in helping the United States make the most of this unusual opportunity to reach the Russian people directly. Your reputation as an architect, engineer, inventor and designer is known even in Russia. (We in the U.S. Information Agency have been employing your geodesic domes for many years.) We believe that practitioners of the many professions you represent will look forward to the opportunity of talking with you. We do not ask you to come to present any particular line or any particular point of view except your own.

Mr. Richard Buckminster Fuller
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I do hope that you will favorably consider this invitation for next summer. Please advise me if you need any further information regarding the project.

Sincerely,


George V. Allen
Director

Enclosure:

Fact Sheet on U.S. Exhibition,
Moscow