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Dear Orville,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your correspondence with Mr. Frank Cyenas of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Your offer was exceedingly generous. Please keep me informed as to any developments.

I am honored to have been included in your contract and would be happy to lend any expertise I have to your wishes for an international contest. I would ask that you make a few slight changes in the section that refers to me. If you will permit, I would re-write it in the following way:

DENNIS ALAN MANN, Professor of Architecture

This contest could be patterned after the Milwaukee International contest or any other design competition whose goals are to explore "Cities of the Future". For information on this please contact Professor Dennis Alan Mann 513-556-0230 or write him at the School of Architecture and Interior Design, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (ML 016), University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221. One of the courses that he teaches is a History of Utopian Concepts (as expressed in architectural form). He is also familiar with Victory City and can give you his professional opinion on that.

I think your idea of building a collection of prize winners as a result of the design competition is magnificent. I can imagine that fifty to one hundred years from now the Museum might own a fine collection of some very original ideas. I could imagine a young Frank Lloyd Wright submitting his ideas for Broadacre City or a young Le Corbusier presenting his Radiant City. Later, when these architects became world renown, their work, held by the museum, would become not only very valuable but could also serve as the foundation for a retrospective of their life's work.

Should your offer to the Chicago Museum not be concluded to your satisfaction, I would be interested in discussing other ideas with you. One such idea could be the endowment of a Chair at the University of Cincinnati. A Chair is a specially named Professorship which is usually held by someone of a national or international reputation. Some chairs (or professorships) are for visiting faculty. This allows the university to be refreshed by bringing in new people