



The American Hall of Fame Library

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from

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My dear Dr. Sabin:

I can't thank you enough for accepting membership on the Board of Governors of the Library. I am deeply grateful to you. Some famous people have not accepted because they receive so many requests of this type and don't want to lend their name to any more. Being a young foundation it takes time to become known and with the help of people like you just having their name on the Board, we will be successful. Because of your faith in the Library it will become famous and then the well known Americans will ask to be on the Board.

We would very much like to place your papers, files and artifacts in the Library. I do so hope you have not committed them. They would be put to good use in our archives. They will be made available to students, historians and interested people. They will not be left in a vault to rot and decay as they usually are in so many universities and museums.

I will be keeping you posted on the development of the Library. I am still trying to get the Board of Governors together and as soon as that is completed, our lawyer said that we can incorporate as a non-profit corporation. I want about 15 more famous Americans on the Board. So far I have: Norman Rockwell, you, Robert Russell Bennett, Governor Ken Curtis of Maine, Mayor Ken Schmied of Louisville, Mayor Warren Williams of Alhambra, Mr. Howard L. Oleck-a lawyer from Cleveland, Lillian Parks who worked in the White House for 30 years and three of my friends.

Again I can't thank you enough for accepting. You have made me even more excited and devote to the Library. My warmest wishes always.

Most sincerely,