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MEMO TO ALL WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND MUSEUMS:

For a long time I have been nursing an idea-- good or bad-- but now I feel it's time to find out what others think of it.

What I have in mind is an informal get-together in our building of all of us in the museum and historical field. Call it a "jam session" or a "bull session" but it would be very informal and without any set program. We would sit around the big tables in our library and talk back and forth about the problems we bump into. If the response to this suggestion is anything like what I feel it will be, we will have enough people around the table to give us some excellent answers.

I will have our Exhibits Planner with us, not for a set talk but to answer questions. We can go around the building and see exhibits, ask questions about them, criticize them. In other words, a work-shop day in which we'll get all the questions and answers from folks around the table.

Now, as to time. I am very anxious to have just as many local societies and museums represented as possible. As a suggestion, I'd say some time during the week of August 19. Friday or Saturday? Or some other day during the week?

Will you write to me at once, telling me what you think of the idea, then as to the time. I can report back as to what the picture looks like. My own conviction is that we can make it an extremely valuable day's session; but, if you think the idea is lousy, feel free to say so. Those driving should feel free to fill a car if they wish.

If this Memo isn't addressed to the right person, please pass it along with a "Write at Once" tag attached.

Sincerely,

Chapin D. Foster
CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director



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