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Express Letter

Mr. Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York, N.Y. 10019 USA

January 12, 1973 KG/ma

Dear Emilio:

everything works fine.

<u>Catalogue:</u> Your Publications Department finally ordered 500 copies. Okay. There is only one thing which is very unfortunate: the price will be higher than for 1000 copies, evidently. I will let you it as soon as I know it.

As far as I am concerned: I like the booklet very, very much. It is the true print of the slide show and gives a very special impression.

The first copies will be ready on Monday, January 22. I will send you some 50 copies by first class delivery. Maybe you can make use of them for the press and for other Public Relations acitivites.

The whole edition of 500 copies will be airmailed the 26th of January and should be ready for sale with the very beginning of the show.

Slide show explanation After some experiences I have collected here, I would like to precise the need for the slide projectors. They should have the same objectives (Zoom or others) and should enlarge as big as possible (the distance between the projection source and the screen is very narrow!).

Furthermore, they should have an automatic impulse giver (however you call "Impulsgeber" in English!!). The automatic transportation from one picture to the next should be about 5 seconds (thanks god you have at least in time measurement the same standards as we ...).

Slide projection "experiment": Here the conditions are a little more complicated (which I can say also after some experiments which I have made in Basle). I need three projectors with the <u>same</u> objective. Focus about 60 mm (about 2,5 inches). No Zoom. That's all, but it is important.

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I shall arrive at New York on January 28, and I will be in your office on Monday morning, January 29, if I don't here anything different from you.

With the very best regards, I am

Yours truly,

Karl Gerstner

(and if time wouldn't have almost reached Fastnacht, I would wish you all the best for that new year which is not that much new anymore.)

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Mrs. Marna Thoma Publications Department The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York, N.Y. 10019

January 12, 1973 KG/ma

Dear Mrs. Thoma:

I thank you very much for your nice letter of December 18. There is no problem to make an edition of only 500 copies. And I hope that you will not be angry when I hope that you are wrong. I think, when you will see the booklet, the situation might look different. Anyhow, the whole booklet is printed in offset. I keep the films, and if you should have urgent need for more, there is no problem to reprint it.

The only disadvantage is a higher price per copy which I will tell you as soon as possible, i.e.: as soon as I will have the figure from the printer.

Could we do it like that: you send me a purchase oder for the 500 copies at a provisional price of \$ 1.40 to keep things going. And later on we could regulate the difference. And please, send me shipping orders as soon as you can.

The first copies will be finished the 22nd of January. And I promised Emilio Ambasz to airmail 50 of them immediatedly for press and other PR activities. The whole edition will be ready the 26th of January and could be available for the exhibition.

Again, I thank you very much for your kind cooperation. And I hope to meet you during my stay in New York.

sincerely,

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Karl Gerstner

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December 18, 1972

Mr. Karl Gerstner: Inselstrasse 34 4 Dusseldorf Germany

Dear Mr. Gerstner:

I am writing on behalf of the Publications Department concerning the small publication you are proposing for your exhibition here.

After reviewing the information we have, Mr. Carl Morse, Editor-In-Chief and I agree that we will need a quantity of only 500. There are a number of reasons for this - the Length of the exhibition and knowledge of how such publications sell are important in our decision.

I look forward to hearing from you whether it is possible to order 500 and, if so, what instructions you would like from me. A purchase order will have to be issued and shipping instructions given.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Marna Thoma Business Manager, Publications MTes

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Karl Gerstner D-4000 Düsseldorf Inselstr. 34

Mr. Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York, N.Y. 10019 USA

December 8, 1972 KG/ma

Dear Emilio:

Thank you very much for Preface and Acknowledgement. I think it's beautiful. And with your permission I altered just things which are objectively not right (I never was a chemistry student, I just wanted to become one. And furthermore, for many years already I am no more practicing graphic and typographic design. And therefore I altered the sequence of my professions.)

Did you get any indication how many copies of the catalogue your Publication Department wants to order? I do need this information very urgently because the printer wants to order the paper (in case of any doubts tell them they could easily order 2000 - I think they would sell even more).

And don't be afraid about my last question: I would like to alter the title of the exhibition into

- think program.

What do you think about? To me it has much more impact than Designing Programs/Programming Designs. And it underlines the theoretical/didactical character of the show. Maybe "Designing Programs/Programming Designs" could be the undertitle?

Things are progressing very well, and we shall meet around the 28th of January.

Yours truly, sincerely

Karl Gerstner

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EXPRESS LETTER / AIRMAIL

Mr. Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York, N.Y. 10019 USA

November 27, 1972 KG/ma

Dear Emilio:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 21.

- 1. Title page okay.
- Acknowledgements okay as you mentioned them. Unfortunately there are not more names: the film group didn't help. Please, send me as soon as possible your one-page Acknowledgement and Preface.
- 3. An outline of the press release you will find enclosed. It's hard to imagine what kind of photograph the press would like? (Certainly not a typographic grid ...) For any case I am sending you a portrait of my beauty.
- 4. Enclosed you will find as well a drawing for the carpenter.
- 5. The catalogue is 8 x 4 inches, transverse, it contains 80 sheets, and many illustrations.

It may look as a five dollar book (at least! ...) And the costs of production are \$ 1.10, with an edition of 2000 copies; and \$ 1.40 with an edition of 1000 copies.

- 6. Further books are:
 - "Designing Programs".

 I just heard this morning that the English version is out of print.

 The German version costs \$ 12.00 (retail price).
 - "Typographical Memorandum"
 That is not a book publication, but a separate print from a special issue of "Typographische Monatsblätter", fully translated into English. About 500 copies are available for a production price of \$ 1.00.

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- "Kompendium für Alphabeten"
Unfortunately it's only available in German.
(The English version will be published by the M.I.T. Press.)
The retail price is \$

All prices are ex transportation and duty and tax costs.

That's it for the moment. Things are progressing very well. Best regards,

Yours truly,

Karl Gerstner

Enclosures

- Press Release
- photograph
- 3 drawings

and under separate cover, airmail:

- "Kompendium für Alphabeten"
- "Typographisches Memorandum"

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November 21, 1972

Mr. Karl Gerstner

November 21, 1972

Mr. Karl Gerstner
Inselstrasse 34
4 Dusseldorf
GERMANY

Dear Karl:

Our Department of Publications has reminded me that I forgot one significant addition to the title page of your catalog, i.e., the name of the curator who has assumed the responsibility of presenting the show at the Museum. This is standard Museum policy and I hope it doesn't upset your layout. To make things clearer, this is the text (in American English) which the title page should include:

"Designing Programs/Programing Designs

an exhibition by Karl Gerstner

Exhibition directed by Emilio Ambasz The Museum of Modern Art, New York February 5 - March 30, 1973."

I am also preparing a one page Acknowledgement and Preface. Would you please give me a list of all the people the Museum should thank for their direct or indirect contribution to the Exhibition. I have in mind especially the "Pro Helvetia Stiftung," Mr. Luca Boissonnas, Dr. Hans Muller of the Swiss Embassy in Washington. Those are all the names I remember but I seem to recall your mentioning a film group who were helping you, and I am sure there will be other people you would like to receive the Museums's convoluted thanks.

Please let me know as soon as possible if all this, Akknowledgement and Preface page included, are okay

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Mr. Karl Gerstner November 21, 1972

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with you, and if so, please sand me the above requested information so that I can produce the introductory page.

By the way, I have not yet received the material for the press release, but I am sure you have already put it in the mail.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Detober 12, 1972

Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design

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I suppose that my letter meanwhile is in your hands. I remembered, too that your letter took about to days to arrive her, and so it might have been the case with mine. Surry.

Cordially yours.

Earl Gerstner

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AIRMAIL

EXPRESS LETTER

Mr. Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York N.Y. 10019

October 12, 1972 KG/ma

Dear Emilio:

please find enclosed copy of my letter dated October 5 together with the enclosure I had made (my letter of December 9, 1971).

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I suppose that my letter meanwhile is in your hands. I remembered, too that your letter took about 10 days to arrive her, and so it might have been the case with mine. Sorry.

Cordially yours,

Karl Gerstner

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Karl Gerstner D-4000 Düsseldorf Inselstr. 34

EXPRESS LETTER

Mr. Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York N.Y. 10019

October 5, 1972 KG/ma

Dear Emilio:

This is it: my excuse for not having answered sooner. Sorry: I was in my Basle color laboratory - and completely absorbed by mixing new emotions.

And if everything is so clear as the date is now, let's install the show during the first week of december. But is everything clear now about the equipment I need? - And the catalogue?

You know, I must ask these silly questions, because I never got an answer to my letter of december 9, 1971. See the enclosed copy. I hope, you wouldn't take so much time to answer as I did.

A propos: I admired very much the book you have sent to me about the "New domes Landscape". But I didn't dare to write you, you know: I would have had to ask you about my show. But now, everything seems to become fine. Please give a nice positive answer.

Happy whatsoever, Yours cordially and truly,

Karö Gerstner

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Saptember 11, 1972

CABLE TO:

KARL GERSTNER
INSELSTRASSE 34
4 DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY TO OUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 11 INVITING YOU TO PRESENT YOUR WORK AT THE MUSEUM IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

VERY CORDIALLY,

EMILIO AMBASZ
MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Installation will take place either during the last seek of Dovember or during the first week of Docember. It depends on your letting me know the complexity of the installation you require.

Happy Christma.

Cordinlly,

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September 11, 1972

Sept. 5, 1972

Mr. Karl Gerstner Inselstrasse 34 4 Dusseldorf, GERMANY Dear Karl:

This is it: the visa for America. If it meets with your approval your show will be presented during the months of December 1972 and January 1973. allocating for this show.

Installation will take place either during the last week of November or during the first week of December. It depends on your letting me know the complexity of the installation you require.

Happy Christmas.

Cordially,

Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design

EA: KM

cc: John Garrigan

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Arthur Drexler

Emilio Ambasz

Sept. 8, 1972

KARL GERSTNER EXHIBITION

As agreed, we will attempt to install Karl Gerstner's exhibition in the Goodwin Galleries by the end of November; it will then run during December and January.

The installation expenses and the daily projectionist fees to turn the equipment on and off will be convered by the \$2,000 we have told Mr. Gerstner we are allocating for this show.

EA: KM

cc: John Garrigan

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Dear Eunicio, herewith I'm sending you (somewhat & in hurry) some helpful (pink) notes.

1. I'm working very hardly - and though with pleasure for the show.

2. Though it will be a very spartanic program (concerning the means), it will be very fascinating. Or at least instructive for those who are interested.

3. The title will definitely be:

desifuing programs/programming designs

4. The question of the catalogue is solved: I'll let it print for my own account_ to end all discursions. You publication département should le obliged for nothing else then to sell the stuf.

- happy as ever, with friendship, yours Karl.

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January 12, 1972

Mr. Karl Gerstner Inselstrasse 34 4 Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Mr. Gerstner:

I am writing to confirm our conversation in New York a few days ago.

I am delighted that we are going to have the exhibition of your work and want to assure you that we will certainly proceed as planned.

What I cannot tell you at this time is the precise date at which the exhibition will be installed in the gallery. I hope that it will be some time this summer or at the latest in the fall. As I explained, we have several exhibitions that must be scheduled for the same gallery and much depends on resolving problems with other projects.

In any case, the exhibition will certainly take place during this calendar year, and I am sure it is going to be most fascinating.

It was a pleasure to meet you and I hope we will have a chance to talk again.

All best greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Drexler Director Architecture and Design

cc: Emilio Ambasz\

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Karl Gerstner

Mr. Dailio Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 January 5, 1972 New York, M.Y. 10019 UBA Exhibition

To review the understanding we had at the beginning of the discussions and correspondence concerning your exhibition; the Museum would contribute \$2,000 for installation expenses. As the exhibition is now completely audio-visual, this includes supplying the 16 mm projector, 5 carousel slide projectors, 3 pedestals and 5 projection screens. Your committment was to supply the material to be exhibited, in this case, all the needed prints of the films and slides; these expenses to be covered by a contribution of 20,000 SFR (approximately \$5,000) and possibly a contribution from Philipps.

- You will be in charge of the equipment I need. And I repeat, what that is:
 - For the event A: the philosophy.

 An audio visual show with two Kodak Caroussel projectors
 the certridge of each is carrying Ti slides.
 - * A 16 mm closed loop projector consumes a film print every 80 hours. Useful time of print to be considered one week.
 - A 16 mm solor film with sugnetic sound track, about 15 minutes long for which an endlessly performing film projector is monded, and sound equipment.
 - For the event C: the experiment.
 Slide show with three Kodak Caroussel projectors without sound.
 The visitors must be able to push the bottom
 EA/cmeh of the projectors to make their own pictures.

For all three ewents We need pedestale, and - if necessary; screens,

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Mr. Emilio Ambasz
Curator of Design
The Museum of Modern Art
11 West 53 Street
New York, N.Y. 10019
USA

December 9, 1971 KG/ma

Dear Emilio,

Please let me fix - after all - what we have agreed upon concerning my poor show:

- 1. the date of opening is Tuesday, the 2nd of May 1972
 (I guess the 1st of May is an holiday all over the world?)
- 2. You will be in charge of the equipment I need.
 And I repeat, what that is:
 - For the event A: the philosophy.
 An audio visual show with two Kodak Caroussel projectors
 the cartridge of each is carrying 75 slides.
 The show must run automatically,
 the slides will be directed by high frequency sounds
 on the magnetic tape (I'll bring with me).
 - For the event B: the experience.

 A 16 mm color film with magnetic sound track,
 about 15 minutes long
 for which an endlessly performing film projector is needed,
 and sound equipment.
 - For the event C: the experiment.
 Slide show with three Kodak Caroussel projectors without sound.
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 of each of the projectors to make their own pictures.

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3. The catalogue

I have to reduce the contents to 48 pages (plus cover). Which doesn't do any damage (in the contrary). If the Museum purchases 2000 copies, it will cost 60 cents each (provided that there is no devaluation of the dollar). Additional costs are for shipping and customs.

The booklet will be produced by Arthur Niggli AG publishers in Teufen. Their conditions are as follows:

half of the total sum with irrevocable letter of credit when placing the order; half upon delivery; payment against delivery in New York to the ship broker.

Please Emilio, be nice and confirm this. As soon as you can.

Yours truly (and merry X-mas),

Karl Gerstner

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Mr. Karl Gerstner
Inselstrasse 34
4 Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Mr. Gerstner:

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I am writing to confirm our conversation in New York a few days ago.

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All best greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Drexler Director Architecture and Design

cc: Emilio Ambasz

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The June 7, 1973

Karl Gerstner D-400 Dusseldorf Inselstrasse 34 GERMANY

Dear Mr. Gerstner:

Emilio is out of the country hust now, but before he left he asked me to return your slides and movie to you.

We mailed it to you under separate cover earlier this week, and addressed it to your If not, I woffice. very, very pleased if you could send me back the slides

I'm sure Emilio will write to you when he for my qual returns assions with the Beveris in Munich.

Kabherine Mansfield Secretary to Mr. Ambasz

How is everything sping! I am strongly considering your Italian trip, but maybe I has Coodially, Spain first (the ornaments of the Albambra).

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Karl Gerstner D-4000 Düsseldorf Inselstr. 34

Mr. Emilio Ambasz Curator of Design The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street New York, N.Y. 10019 USA

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Dear Emilio:

Are things going very strong? Did our poor common exhibition break down before the last day? Or is it still on?

If not, I would be very, very pleased if you could send me back the slides of both the Experiment and the Experience sector. And I would be very, very glad to get back the one or the other copy of the movie, because I need them for my quality discussions with the Bavaria in Munich.

How is everything going? I am strongly considering your Italian trip, but maybe I have to go to Spain first (the ornaments of the Alhambra).

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With friendship,

Yours truly,

apologies to

Karl Gerstner

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cc: Mr. Ambasz Mr. Palmer

July 23, 1973

WTC International, Inc. One World Trade Center Suite 1747 New York, New York 10048 Attn: Mr. Al Sorrentino

Dear Mr. Sorrentino:

I enclose twelve copies of our invoice covering the shipment of one box (MOMA-DUSSELDORF) containing glass slides, 16 mm film and other equipment to Hasenkamp, Konigsallee 1, Dusseldorf, Germany, for delivery to Karl Gerstner, Gerstner, Gredinger & Kutter GmbH, 4000 Dusseldorf, Immermannstrasse 6, Germany.

This material was brought into the country from Germany personally by the artist for use in a Museum exhibition. Six copies of the invoice show the value for U.S. customs. The other six copies show no value. As we discussed, you will contact Hasenkamp and obtain the values to be used for German customs.

The case is ready to be picked up from the Museum, 20 West 54th Street. Please forward the shipment by air with all charges prepaid including delivery to the owner. Bill the museum under our purchase order i 14320 which follows under separate cover. Please let us know the airline, departure date and airway bill number so that we can arrange insurance coverage. Also, please let us know the WTC reference number for this shipment. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Douglas J. Robinson Assistant to the Registrar

cc; Mr. Gerstner

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11 West 53 Street, New York, N. Y. 10019 Tel. 956-6100 Cable: Modernart

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MOMA 12 x 17 x 24" 42 lbs.
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16mm film (introduction to exhibition) \$ 150.

328 glass slides (transparencies) \$ 800.

Equipment used in exhibition \$ 50.

• two Kodak Carousel slide holders one collapsible projector holder

5 plastic parts

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This material was imported for exhibition purposes and is being returned to the owner in Dusseldorf.

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TO: Hasenkamp Konigsallee 1 Dusseldorf

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Equipment used in exhibition
two Kodak Carousel slide holders
one collapsible projector holder
5 plastic parts
8 metal brackets
envelope containing screws
one Kodak film splicer

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Nº 5767 The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 INFORMATION COPY I have authorized release Keating on July 1973 , of the material itemized below: Museum Artist or number maker Description unreceipted GERSTNER one crate containing 16mm film, 328 glass keich slides, film splicer, collapsible projector holder, two Kodak Carousel slide holders. Mark box: MOMA/ DUSSELDORF. Being sent to Mr. Karl Gerstner Gerstner, Gredinger & Kutter GmbH 4000 Dusseldorf Remarks: Here for Gerstner Exh. Immermannstrasse 6, Germany Arch & Design The Department of . is hereby notified. If the material is not collected within the date(s) shown, this release will be voided and the department informed at once. July 23, 1973 Registrar David Vance (date signed)