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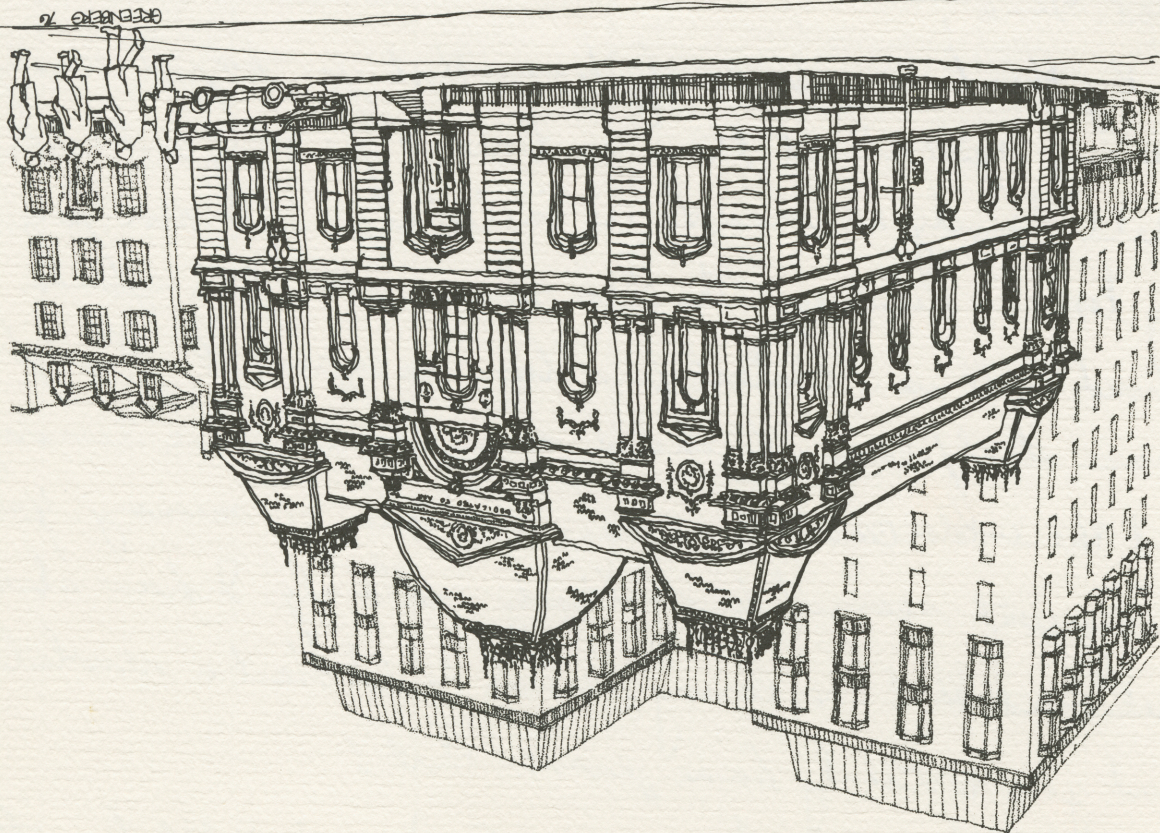
Dear Gene,

October 4, 1978

By this time you surely know that you helped us aught a many splendored thing - a time of great joy and celebration. I felt deeply honored to be included, & I will never forget my time in Pittsburgh. The clear skies and the open spaces served well as a context for a time so special. The performance itself comes to mind many times since Sunday, but the undercurrents remain unbroken in memory. Your caring just seemed to multiply endlessly. I have always believed that one caring person could start a revolution, and you certainly have proven that!

My trip home was fine, so was Dr. Jesse's. I left her sitting in her chair after delivering the framed pieces I had carried home for her. She and Yvonne had stopped on their way home from the airport to pick up Kentucky Fried for the choir that would rehearse in her apartment in a few hours. I drove on to Northern Michigan where I am working with Community educators, shaking my head in amazement and hoping age 83 brings some excitement to me also. I guess I'll have as much to say about that as anyone.

I thought you might enjoy this sketch of the Renwick Gallery. The National Commission meets just behind in the New Executive Office Building.



The work of that 23 member commission has opened up my horizons in an incredible fashion. I gratefully imagine that I could have 25-30 more years to work on behalf of the world's children - which really includes us all.

Please express to your mother my appreciation for her presence - it was good to meet her. Her cake was also wonderful.

You could tell Charles that I will continue to contemplate on existence (expensive). His birthday and Chicken Annie's are happy memories. My son Jonathan enjoyed hearing about Chicken Annie's the most!

My hope is that you can enjoy a peaceful fall & winter. I am telling everybody about your library. With many thanks and deep affection, Carol