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Mr. Leslie Check, Jr.
Director, Baltimore Museum of Art
Wyman Park
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Check:

I have discussed with Mr. William H. Maynard, of the State's Attorney's Office, the contents of your letter of December 17, 1940, regarding the suggestion of the Artists Committee of the Museum that the Museum sponsor a lottery in order to insure the purchase of some art object or art objects in the exhibition which you expect to hold in March.

Mr. Maynard and I are of the opinion that such a lottery would be illegal.

I regret that I cannot make any suggestions regarding any change in the contemplated handling of the matter which would make the proposed action legal.

Very truly yours,

(signed) CHARLES C. G. EVANS

City Solicitor

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