

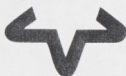
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Dear Stuart:



Thank you so much for the wonderful letter of 23 June. We are, of course, so happy that you and Scott are enthusiastic both about the book and about the advance promotional materials. We are all betting on this horse!

Since your letter was full of questions—many of them better answered by someone other than me—I have forwarded copies to the various in-house authorities for their reply. We will be in touch with answers to your questions. Our director, Joanna Hitchcock, is following up with Liz Ferrer about the Austin Museum of Art event, and we'll hope to be back to you soon with a firm commitment from Mrs. Bush and a scheduled date for the signing. We had met with Liz earlier this month to go over preliminary ideas for the signing, and we had agreed at that time that it should be a cultivation event, but not a fundraiser, for both the Museum and the Press. We all hope, of course, that Mrs. Bush will agree to be present, but you and Scott will be the "stars" of the evening, whatever the case.

Regarding your invitation to the Texas Book Festival, neither Joanna nor I believe that the Museum event date will be problematic. The Festival invites "published" authors all the time, and the Festival constituency is much broader than the select group that could be included in the Museum event. Not to worry about that one.

Meanwhile, I'll get busy with the contract. I'm even more excited about this new book! I'll let you know soonest if I need any additional information to get the paper trail rolling.

Back to you pronto with answers and documents. Hope your summer is a smash so far.

Best,

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and Editor-in-Chief