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## [Ida Honoré Grant] to Sis, May 14, [1892] [Incomplete?]

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1890? May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Dear Sis - ~~Important~~

I was very glad indeed  
to receive your letter, as  
I wanted so much to  
know where you are, and  
to hear from you why  
you do not send your  
photograph and all the  
papers with reference  
to the Exposition at Mexico



Metemich as she asked  
you — I would like  
a bit also, to give to the  
Countess Helmanegg,  
the wife of the Governor,  
whom I mentioned to  
you, and whom I  
wished you to meet only  
you were so pushed  
here — <sup>Princess Metemich's Exposition</sup> she is the President of  
Now I too, have had

My guide about the ladies Committee  
here and of course, when they placed  
it before the Government, I simply  
left it like that, only mentioning it  
incidentally to ladies, intending that  
it all arranged for you to meet them  
and talk with them, when you came.  
You know we expected a nice long

visit from you in March or the  
last of February - I found the Government  
not very active about taking it up,  
but intended that you should speak  
with the high ladies personally on the  
subject; then I never knew you  
were coming until you sailed and  
I planned to have it all right for

5<sup>th</sup>  
1/2  
You in May, when your  
last letter said you would  
come, and when I knew  
The Arch-Duchess Maria  
Theresa, the wife of the  
Emperor's brother, would  
be here - When you tele-  
graphed so suddenly you  
were coming, I immedi-  
ately wrote to Princess  
Metternich and to Princess

Domestic-Grätz and  
Wanted to Arrange an  
Interview with Countess  
Helmanegg for Jon, as  
I had talked to her about  
it and told her Jon was  
coming - I found the  
Arch-Duchess was ab-  
sent and would re-  
main away until

May, as was also, the Impress  
so you could not have seen either  
of them if you had asked for an  
interview <sup>when you came.</sup> — I could not explain  
all this to you, as we were so  
hurried and I only tried to have  
you see those, possible, under the  
circumstances — I think what we

did, had great effect, - that is the  
subject has been actively discussed  
and the Ladies have become inter  
ested — Now what I want to  
say is, that I fear the Government  
is not going to appoint the "Ladies"  
Committee because of the lack

9<sup>th</sup>  
of money. Fred went to  
see Count Kaluoky &  
ask him once again  
about it, yesterday, and  
he said that he feared  
the "report was not very  
favorable as it seemed  
there was not enough  
money for the Government  
to appoint the "Ladies Com-  
mittee". I have also,



heard that this was the  
intimation given out, &  
you know the same reason  
was given to us by Marguis  
at Bergheim, when he  
spoke to us I have been  
thinking he would let  
me know from what  
he said, of the final deci-  
sion <sup>was</sup> arrived at, but as  
I have heard nothing

I made up my mind yesterday,  
to write and ask him what the  
decision was, and if a ladies  
Private Committee could not be  
formed under the wing of the Men's  
Committee - I decided to do this  
because I met both the Countess  
Kielmansegg and Princess Metternich

Yesterday, and they seemed much  
interested in starting a women's  
Committee and Countess Helldorff  
told me they had been discussing  
it and that she was coming to see  
me about it, and I suggested that  
Mrs the Archduchess and certain  
people should be asked to aid &

12<sup>th</sup>

She immediately agreed  
and said the Countess  
was, that as the government  
appointed no one no  
lady liked to push  
forward and assume  
authority and that I  
would have to ask  
them or I would have  
to get the Marquis de  
Bergheim to put them

in authority - In other  
words that I must  
Take the initiative, but  
I explained immediately  
that I was only too glad  
to do anything but of  
course, the Committee  
must be composed of  
Austrians, and of the  
Highest - He seems  
really quite interested &

and has promised to do all in her  
power - There has been an under-  
ripple of effort among the Jewish  
Ladies or second <sup>Class</sup> to start a Committee  
but they have failed, Madame  
Kodolitsch was interested in that  
and Mr Goldschmidt too he in-  
formed me that they were the only

ones who would do anything as  
the Aristocrats only acted when they  
could show off - I do not agree to  
all this however, and think if a  
Committee, a private affair is  
arranged (in case of the Govern-  
ment not acting with reference to  
Wmson's Commission) that they should

17<sup>th</sup> he lead by the Aristocrats  
with the Arch-Bishops  
at the head - And now  
I find the ladies, cer-  
tain ones, are beginning  
to stir up and stirring  
to act. I shall be very  
quick to do all possible  
You may be sure -  
In case of a private Com-  
mission being gotten up



By the ladies, there would  
be all the difficulty of  
course, of some one's taking  
the responsibility and  
the thing's being carried  
over and brought back  
safely and paid for -  
All that is more difficult  
of course, for the Private  
Committee than for  
one under the patronage

of the Government  
with surety of money being  
on hand to pay expenses  
I am to see the Comptroller  
Gulmansegg tomorrow  
I told her yesterday that  
the Arch Duke who has  
not returned to Vienna,  
should be asked to lend  
her name and that I  
would ask her if neces-

Sary - etc - It will be a  
great disappointment to  
me if the Government does  
not appoint the Commission  
but if it does not we shall  
try the Private Commission  
Board that they are interested.  
I am glad that at least,  
you have the Prince &  
Princess and Gageheim.  
It was too bad for you  
in such a rush and



Could not let me know  
longer beforehand that  
you were coming ~~etc etc~~  
As I fear you were only  
tired out and disgusted  
though we were so glad  
to see you at all.

When your letter came  
this morning, I was just  
thinking of telegraphing  
to ask where you were, and



Why you do not send  
the pamphlets photo etc to  
Princes & Ministers as you  
promised - do please at-  
tend to this no matter how  
busy you are - For do  
not mention at all, what  
will you will go to London  
so I must send this to the  
Legation - Do try to find a  
moment to write let me  
know where you are  
staying and send the  
pamphlets or Exposition etc  
I'll let you hear further



R. S. I went to Dressell's  
Yesterday told them to send  
you their bill with the  
pink frage - They were  
Charmed to know you  
liked the dresses as I had  
given them terrible scolding  
that they could not send them  
to Paris' said they always dis-  
appointed you, made you  
things wrong etc, and  
that I would never  
recommend them again



etc - They were as Crest-  
fallen that Miss Hoffman  
could not even smile, but  
now they are quite cheered  
up again - I thought  
your dresses were lovely,  
though I scolded and  
told them I disapproved  
nothing would get you  
see about your picture  
at Legation and tell Mr  
Lincoln we were sorry  
to trouble him - Ada