

Head of Fair Pavilion Denies Cash Offer for Art Exhibit

Robert O. Thatcher, president of the Travel and Transportation Pavilion, Inc., said yesterday that he had never offered \$1.5 million in cash to art societies interested in putting on a contemporary art exhibit at the World's Fair.

The art societies had reported his support at a news conference on Sunday without specifying what form the \$1.5 million would take.

Mr. Thatcher said that a credit would have been allowed on the rent for the exhibition space, which would have amounted to about \$1.5 million. This would have been made good in a piecemeal fashion out of admissions to the exhibit and sales of catalogues.

Mr. Thatcher's plans to have the exhibit in his pavilion were vetoed by Robert Moses, the fair's president. The Travel and Transportation Pavilion is now 80 per cent leased, Mr. Thatcher said.