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M. L. Dye, President  
First Federal Savings & Loan  
8 South Main  
Salt Lake City, Utah

I am delighted in having the privilege of participating in depositing in the metal cornerstone box of your reconstructed savings corner at First South and Main Street.

You asked for my conception of Main Street in Salt Lake City in the year 2000 A.D. when the box will be opened.

In the year 2000 A.D., Main Street of Salt Lake City will extend from a point North of Brigham City to a point South of Provo.

Businesses and buildings will be constructed along this main thoroughfare to service the two million people who will be residents of what is known as the Wasatch Front and the population of the State of Utah will be in excess of three million.

Many of the great business buildings, which will be constructed along this Main Street, will have been constructed by the industries who are processing the unlimited natural resources of the State of Utah.

The chemical industries will be founded upon the unlimited chemical content of Great Salt Lake, and chemicals will be developed from our hundreds of millions of tons of coal from Eastern Utah and by the year 2000 the power supply to provide the energy for the operation of the economy will be derived from uranium and the gas developed from the processing of the coal which actually will be, at that time, a by-product.

What, is now known as Main Street in Salt Lake City, will be occupied almost in its entirety by the great financial institutions servicing the millions of people who will reside in the intermountain empire. Adjacent to the great downtown financial district, will be concentrated great mercantile organizations servicing the general requirements of the whole intermountain area. While at other points along the new Main Street will be established scores of shopping centers and other types of service facilities.

Situated in close proximity to the present Main Street area, will be located a great transportation terminal out of which will radiate mono-rail transportation from Box Elder County to Utah County, as the feeder roads into the center part of the new Main Street will be unable to handle the traffic by automobile.

Sidewalks, based on the principle of the existing escalator, will transport the people from the transportation centers to various points in the congested downtown area.

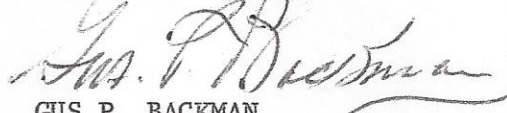
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The buildings will be constructed principally of glass, plastics, and light materials developed from steel, copper, and aluminum and will be perfectly insulated, fire-proof, and air conditioned in all respects.

All of the Greater Salt Lake City area together with the adjacent industries will have an adequate water supply in as much as the former antagonistic attitude of California against Utah has been dissipated through the availability of water in the Southern California area from the Pacific Ocean through evaporation processes, therefore, bringing the Upper Colorado River to the basin states.

I am sure that my conception of the year 2000 A.D. will fall far short of those present in the realization of actual conditions at that time.

Sincerely yours,



GUS P. BACKMAN  
Secretary

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