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Mr. William Randolph Hearst,
137 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

On the Hill yesterday work was being pushed on the service wing, and the clearing up preparatory to grading "La Grande Place" was well under way, to my great satisfaction.

It has been impractical to try to dig out the central pool of the gymnasium with the forest of timbers occupying the big room. The last of these are being taken down and incidentally, the room is fine. Next week work on the central pool can begin again. The "attic" of the entrance pavilion and its stairway are poured and stripped.

The road and bank work is going ahead steadily, is well along and it looks as though travel would be a comparative pleasure this winter.

The pool in front of the main building has been dismantled, plants moved out of the beds and preparations going ahead for boxing the oak.

We are also clearing out the main building basements which have been used as shops so long, so as to clean these up and make the space available for household uses. Also so that the main building can be locked up effectively by locking the entrance doors to the stairways. The north tower stairway is cut out for the elevator shaft. By the

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way, the signed contracts have not been received back here yet.

The first camellias are out, and lots of little wild canary birds.

Yours very truly,

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