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To extend ^{PIA DEL SOL} the gardens and have
 Would like big architectural
 effects in the gardens - flight
 of steps - cascades - fountain
 gates - columns - bases
 for statuary - large sun
 dials, clocks etc. hot house
 aviaries - all designed as
 parts of architectural and
 landscape unit.

I think we should have
 a second or lower wall
 with fruit gardens between
 it and first wall - walk, ^{steps} ~~steps~~
 towers, arbors, vistas, benches, etc.

I think since we are going
to use the same water
over and over we should
have the water system
on a very large scale
providing plenty of fountains
lakes, pools, cascades
and very old things.

The garden reservoir
should be on ~~the top of the hill~~ ^{some high place,}
~~perhaps half way up reservoir~~
~~with a garage hill~~ and the
water should run all
through the gardens ^{under} ~~at~~
gravity and
then be forced back again
to the reservoir - 300 ft is about the limit.
^{from bottom to top and back! length doesn't matter!}
I think there should be

some little temples at various
view points along the new
lower wall where visitors
can stop and rest

There should be imposing entrance gates,
arcades, stately niches, cloisters &c.



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Would like to plan for extending
 the orchard and some
 definite scheme for
 tree planting in clumps
 I want to carry the lower
 wall to the juncture of the
 roads below (West) of
 Chinese hill. We don't
 need a gate there but we
 should have pillars and
 lights and trees planted
 an effective combination
 on the East and the West
 angles of the road

I want to carry a road
to the north of orchard hill
all around the hill to meet
the present road south of
orchard hill where the old
road used to meet it. Then
I want to move the upper
gate down to that point
I think there should be
planting on the angles
north and south of the
gate. I think there should
be some architectural features
in these various points
— seats and perhaps a
shrine etcetera.

The next point is the
lower gate at the Trough
I want to make the space
between the upper gate and
the lower gate a deer park



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and at this lower golf
 I think there should be
 a lodge and hay barn
 and barns for the deer
 and Buffalo. I believe
 this will be the natural
 place for all this if it
 can be made attractive
 The deer park would be
 above (North) and the Buffalo
 and Elk park below (South)
 and all these animals could
 be tended by the men who

grows ^{live} ~~live~~ in this lodge. I
think the barns and houses
could be built to be good
looking ^{Spanish} and give an impressive
entrance to the enclosure.

I have the fence plan pretty
thoroughly made now and
it leaves a lot of space
south of the ^{open} houses that
will be for ^{the} animals and that
we can use as a wild
wood or natural picnic
garden and help out with
some planting like the
Sequoias. We can also
plant fruits as you suggested
and we can make groves
of interesting trees like cork
oaks and various flowering
trees. I think we should put
thermometers to see what the
temperature is in these places
to determine the planting of



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Finally there are the Jersey
barns Jersey dairy and
cattle fields; also the
horse barn and horse
fields; a big hay barn
on the hill; the Kennels &c.

I have decided to keep
the Jerseys on the hill as they
don't have to be fed much
— a dozen truck loads of
hay will last them a year.
The horses eat as much
hay. One truck working a

week could bring up all the
hay needed for horses and
jacks. Therefore I want
to build barns for the jacks,
the horses and the hay and
the pups - something like
we originally planned.
I think the place we originally
selected is probably the best
if the wind isn't too strong
there. Anyhow we can
have a protected patio
and the cows can graze
on one side of the hill or
the other according to how
the wind is blowing. Then
we can plant some wind
breaks - olives make fine
ones.

The chickens will have to go
below. They don't do well on
the hill. Furthermore we will
have to build the ranch dairy



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and some other things as
agreed upon. — below.

What shall we do with
Garage hill? Shall we put
the horse barn there or shall
we put that down near the
Jersey barn and the hog barn?

Or shall we put the cow barn
and the horse barn and the hog
barn and dogs and everything
on Garage hill?

Or shall we put an observatory
on Garage hill — with a big
telescope and study the stars
in our old age! Or shall we
put the observatory on Reservoir hill?

Of course Reservoir hill
is the ideal spot but rather
hard to get to. Still it would
give another point of interest,
and a place to go to see.

Then the water could be
made a pleasant adjunct.
What think? Sort of romantic
sent it! Reminds one of Washington
Irving's "Tales of the Alhambra".
They are close and the fair maiden is.
Now we drop way down to
a vegetable garden. The
utilitarian takes the place of
the spiritual. I think a good
way to raise him is either in
the orchards or in the little
hollows at the cross roads
west of Chinese hill or on
a plowed plot of ground
on the flats in front of Cora
del Mar way down below
the Sycamores. I guess that's all
except that there is money in wine grapes
paper shell walnuts, the finest almonds
and olives and peaches and pomegranates and garlic
We ought to plant him. WREH