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

Dear Mr. Hearst:

The 45 foot columns are on the Hill and enough steel beams and trusses to give a very citified Class A effect to work yard the Venetian Court has become for the time being. I think a month will see it in place, but not the concrete slabs or walls poured.

The Doges Suite rooms are shaped up and another week or two will have these ready for re-furnishing. The new stairways and Gothic baths had to be left in the forms for the concrete to set up, and their finish comes next on the program.

In order to get the Main Building back into habitable state, it was evident two weeks ago that all "budget" available of money and people would have to concentrate on this part of the program for at least four or five weeks. As the white bears were housed in the new "grotto" and other work at good resting points, this has been done. You would realize this if here personally, - with one glance at the steel yard.

The West Tower is coming along nicely - also the finish of the East duplex rooms. The garden has been beautiful all summer, and the household well managed.

Yours very truly,

JM-M