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

Dear Mr. Hearst:

As to moths:

All the hangings, etc. unpacked from original shipments, whether at San Simeon or the Stringer Warehouse, have been very carefully taken care of in this regard. I have been through the chests, etc. recently and they are in fine condition.

Last spring I found that certain chairs in House B were badly infested by moths. The coverings are much eaten and the old stuffing evidently the source of trouble. I had Richard thoroughly clean the chairs so far as it could be done without taking the material off -- and have noticed that they are not getting any worse.

We will take the precaution of going through the crates containing upholstered pieces, etc. in the Stringer Warehouse. It is a clean place, but the risk is self-contained in the old backings and stuffings.

The House B living room chairs are covered with the Spanish brocade you sent some time ago. They are ready to send up at any time, but as it will be necessary to send up an upholsterer to place them, I was waiting to send him until Mrs. Hearst's chairs are done so as to make but the one trip for this man.

A most welcome rain has come which could not be better timed for the planting.

Yours very truly,

JM-GRC

Julia Morgan

*I think that all chairs in such containers
moths should be restuffed with new clean
stuffing. Moths are very dangerous and should
be exterminated. They will destroy the tapestries
and really valuable things. I should rather
throw old chairs and such away. Please say
unless they can be thoroughly cleaned*