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Dear Miss Morgan:

I realize the necessity of improving the animal service. I do not want to divide the animals into groups, because I want the roads to go through all this variety of animals, and it would be inconvenient to have a number of parallel divisions, all separated by fences and gates, with the necessity of continually opening gates all the way up the hill.

Moreover, too many divisions, in addition to making an ugly effect, would deprive the situation of its naturalness and make you feel that you were driving through an artificial zoo, instead of through open fields in which these various animals were displaying themselves.

Mr. Bistany's whole idea is contrary to what I want to accomplish, and rather than adopt his idea I would abandon the whole animal proposition. What he will have to do is to find what animals can accommodate themselves to my idea and those that cannot do so we will get rid of, ~~not~~ except such as we wish to retain on the hill.

2. With regard to the hill, I think we could perfectly well get rid of all the meat eating animals and I think we could arrange the other animals, the bears, the elephants, giraffes and some interesting samples from our general collection, such as a pair of oryxes and a pair of sable antelope, a pair of riding camels, etc., in an interesting zoological park, which would also include your pink flamingos, etc. We can have a reasonable representation of amusing monkeys and I think it would be well to lay out the hill as a park, such as you suggest, rather than as a stiff and ugly zoo.

I think we need a man who knows about animals and Mr. Carey Baldwin really does not know, and his ignorance is very costly. The loss of our four beautiful giraffes was a calamity.

But I do not intend to replace anything now until I have the quarters ready to put them in.

Sincerely yours,

*W. R. Hearst*