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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
La Cuesta Encantada
San Simeon, California

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Yesterday did not have enough hours -- I should have asked you regarding:

1. How much of a winter house you intend for the gate men -- boards - plaster - logs?
2. Would it be possible to have a central eating house established somewhere in the lower part of ranch? Meals are a problem entering into and increasing the cost of all the work below the hill-top. We feed men in the Hill camp at \$1.00 per day deducted from the wage, which could be done for all men through a common commissary down below.
3. We are slowly rock balusting the road in the poultry plan as per new layout. When this is done, what topping would you put on -- cement, gravel, emulsified asphalt? It should be something easily kept clean.
4. Mr. Rankin got back last night, and wants to know if eventually steam heating is going into the Roman bath and if so, whether he may not put the piping in now while the spaces are open; - but it might not ever be needed?
5. The "carload" photographs are with Mr. Williams with directions to bring up the chairs and chests and Gothic statues as soon as boat comes in, unless you instruct him otherwise; -- or would you prefer a grand new set-up later, say for your next visit?

As always,

Yours truly,

JM:F