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Miss Julia Morgan,
Merchants Exchange Building.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Morgan:

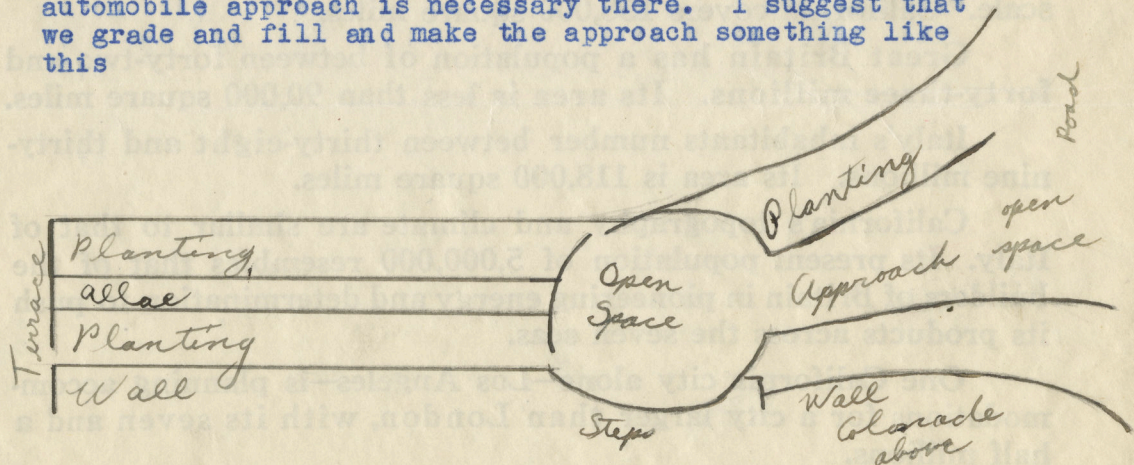
We expect to be at the ranch
Easter Saturday and Sunday.

Perhaps we can see you there then.

I wish Mr. McClure could ^{go} down now
and plan for some planting of citrus trees, - about one
hundred outside the walls and one hundred inside.

I would like to grade down and
widen the terrace below the west wall and plant a lot
of these trees there in an effective way. I would like
also to carry the trees around the corner and along under
the north wall up to where the wall ends.

Pleasant approaches should be made
through the trees to the west stairs and to the north
stairs. The west approach should be large enough for
horses as well as folks on foot. I do not think an
automobile approach is necessary there. I suggest that
we grade and fill and make the approach something like
this



Probably Mr. McClure will devise something much better but if he does not some plan like the above will do.

I purpose carrying the planting along the south edge of the road down to the cross roads, also digging into the hill to make the road a bit wider and running a wall along the north side of the road, I mean of this south road.

We will in due time treat the north branches of the road somewhat similarly.

We have done too much of our planting at long distances from the house. I purpose now beautifying the immediate neighborhood.

I also want to plant some eucalyptus trees or high conifers as wind breaks and I have a FAINT idea that we might plant some canary palms among the oranges on the slopes. These would look pretty and tropical and they would protect the oranges to a degree.

Having these various things in mind I thought we should form a working plan and develop definitely along it.

Inside the grounds I hope to be able to plant a lot of citrus trees on the north slopes all the way long in every convenient locality.

There are LOTS of places.

These northern slopes are better protected than the southern slopes. They get the north winds but the north winds are not so severe.

Furthermore some wind breaks might occasionally be provided.

I thought we might plant camelias in among the oranges on these north slopes.

They would be pretty and the orange trees would shade them.

The pomegranates I would like to plant along the bases of the INSIDE north walls to grow right against the walls or very near them.

Perhaps we might dig away a strip of flooring and get down to the earth next these walls.

You remember the pomegranates used to be lovely in similar localities.

-3- Miss Morgan.

I have some passion fruit to scatter among them.
This fruit climbs the walls.

I think these fruits will not only be lovely
but easy to take care of. We can not have too big a flower
garden. It takes too much attention.

Of course all this has to be carefully thought
out but these are the outlines.

Sincerely,

W R HEARST

PS: I hope you admire the
stationery. The newspaper
pad is my own. The elegant
envelope I stole from the hotel
at Nauheim. On second thought
I think the bill was enough to pay
for it. W.R.