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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSSI FROM MR. HEARST --

Please note and communicate with Miss Morgan.

Our various handsome candelabra are very crudely and ineffectively treated in adapting them to electric lights, the work having apparently been done by the local electrician, who has no sufficient idea of how this should be done.

I advise that this work be done by the best firm on the coast -- someone as nearly like Caldwell of New York as possible.

This applies to all candelabra, but immediately to the two in main assembly room on either side of fireplace, and to the four in the dining room.

I would prefer to have the firm send down men here to make the necessary drawings and to fit the additions when they are ready. If this cannot be done we can ship the candelabra but I do not like to ship them if this can be avoided.

The very crude application of the candles and the very primitive method of turning on the lights deprive the candelabra of all possible artistic effect and even of the best lighting effect.

The candelabra should be treated in an entirely different manner and I would like to know what firm is considered the best on the coast before the arrangement is made with them. ALSO IT WOULD BE WELL FOR THEM TO SUBMIT DESIGNS.

While we are about this matter, I think I would like lamps made out of some jars we have on hand. There are two on the pianos in the main assembly room, and two others on the south side of that room.

I have just thought we can solve our whole problem regarding the fireplace in the east lobby by shifting it to the south side of the room where I think it naturally belongs. Back of the fireplace on the south side there is merely a pantry across which we could run the flue at a low angle without doing any damage to it.

After it had crossed the pantry it could go on across the light well on the second story and go up the outside of the new servants' quarters, and above them to a considerable height so as to keep the smoke clear from the third story of the main house.

This would give us a good incline at every stage of the flue and it would not interfere with the architectural construction, as it would if a similar course were taken by the flue on the north side.

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I think this solves the problem and we only have the small trouble of taking down the fireplace and re-erecting it on the other side.

That is not as much trouble as trying to make a flue under the difficulties that beset us on the north side.

J. Willicombe

It was finally agreed not to move the mantel to the South wall but to leave it where it is - take out the dressing rooms extending the Billiard Rm to the existing M. B. wall. The small lavatory will be large enough - then you can raise the projection rooms enough to put another lavatory there. -

