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

Dear Mr. Hearst:

It was lovely at San Simeon today -- the sea at its bluest.

The excavator was half way up the hill when we came up, and arrived at the Tennis Court by evening - to my great relief. I was afraid you would arrive there before it did!

The floor of the pool is in except the border and the hand rail is being set-- All looking very well. I went up by appointment to meet the electric fixture man from Los Angeles, only to receive word there that Mr. Maloof had severed his connections with the Meyberg Company and that Mr. Meyberg could not come-- So will have to try again for next trip.

Work is going on as per program in the Gothic Suite, library hall, etc. and we have ordered the travertine flooring for the Gothic Suite and Celestial rooms - and have received that for the Cloister corridors. As to the library hall floor - Would Rosata and travertine do? You did not like the green? It was very dark.

✓ The paneling from Charles of London and from White Allom Company was received since my last trip, by truck from Los Angeles. Is my understanding correct, that the earlier paneling is for the sitting room? The larger (Charles of London) panels I recognize from your description are for the Study.

Mr. Rossi is setting the new iron girder to carry the fireplace in the bed room beyond the Study now.

I like your idea for the combination indoor pool and orchid green house. It should be very

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tropical and exotic. There could be ^a plate glass partitions in the pool and the alligators, sharks, etc. could disport on one side of it and visitors could unsuspectingly dive toward it. (This the other architect's contribution to your idea.)

I will have the information as to cost of bringing up the sea water soon. It would have to be returned to the ocean on account of the salt, possibly by the same pipe.

The housekeeper seems to know her business and to have won the cheerful, willing services of all. It is a great relief to see things being cared for. She may be away next week --- having come in from Canada as a visitor - and has received word she will have to go back to Vancouver and re-enter the country as an immigrant if she wants to stay. If this is necessary, I advised her to go as soon as possible and have it over with.

I telegraphed you regarding ^{as to} ~~the~~ the type of Jersey man wanted.

Yours very truly,

JM-dem