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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
137 Riverside Drive
New York City

Dear Mr. Hearst:

The stairs for the Celestial rooms which have been developed over the Gothic baths are formed now, ready for pouring, and work out quite well. The only point which will require that you keep thin will be at the entrance from the top of the old stair tower - to this new hallway.

The Celestial bed rooms are developing slowly, looking prettier right along.

The Doges Suite bed rooms possess outer walls again, just poured, and the new chimneys and mantels are rebuilt. There is much readjusting of ceilings etc. yet to do. The stone window of one bed room is set in place and is lovely.

The taking down work goes very slowly, dirty, tiresome work at best. The new west tower is shaping up well.

The animal grotto took much time but is safely out of the way, and the new warehouse is all poured and being plastered, tiled, etc. -- up to schedule as to time and expenditure.

The weather is still very hot and the water situation trying -- a general condition, not just a Hill one. The gardener has had some beautiful successes in both groupings and colors. Miss Worn has been faithful and there has been a good spirit all summer.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

JM:F