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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
Wade Park Manor Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Mr. Bistany went more into detail as to advice here yesterday, and introduced the young man he mentioned as a possible head keeper. He is a young giant from Palo Alto who has been entirely trained by Mr. Bistany.

Out of the visit I gather that Mr. Bistany would be glad to come to the Hill when you are there and after consultation, separate the animals into geographical groups. He says the present Hill method of catching and separating animals is cruel and ruinous. In the new grouping, the giraffe barns and pens with some shelter, plus the rearrangement of present shelters in other sections with food troughs and sanitary floors, would carry the field animals through the winter, plus the hospital if possible, but the location of this would depend on the segregations decided upon.

In the meantime, the new clean troughs, big kangaroo, etc. you O. K. on the copy of the report you sent me, are being taken care of.

Compared with the condition of the animals at the Fleishhacker Zoo - our Hill ones show need of revised methods and care.

I'm wondering if Mary Ann, Mary and Jerry, the cute bears and any other interesting acting animals, plus beautiful birds of many kinds, all in a sort of Persian garden on Animal Hill, might not give more interest and pleasure than the caged cat family, and at a very much less upkeep cost. If the garden were enclosed completely the pink flamingos, parrots, etc. could all be free with their own decorative quarters.

In any case, the Hill looks like destruction embodied - George is moving oaks so as to finish the middle section of the grading as housing will

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have to be provided here before the present quarters
are vacated. One oak is already on the outer line
of the new greensward circle in front of the Roman
Pool, the new road outlined. We need you home.

As always,

Yours truly,

JM:F

(mailed to L.A.)