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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
c/o Los Angeles Examiner
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hearst:

A forty foot wide room would eliminate nearly all the big oaks -- so that if the "Sovereigncell" is only twenty feet wide, perhaps we could make a somewhat narrower room - as the interruption at the center would make it seem wider.

As soon as the photographs arrive, we will start sketches using different combinations of "Sovereigncell" with material you have here. I think you have just the right thing, if the character is right.

My understanding is that you ordered the Alcantara stone vaulted ceilings, but not the Cloister vaulting, which was thought not available. I know Mr. Byne for some reason does not know what you finally decided as regards these ceilings. Probably a cable restating the order would be good. A letter recently sounded as though he was more than usually troubled by the uncertainties of Spanish relationships.

The Chimes Master from Berkeley will go to the Hill with me for Saturday. He can pass on the bells being in tone and perhaps offer some suggestions to overcome the sounds from the operating devices being too evident from the Plaza.

Yours truly

JM:F