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En route --
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Mr. Randolph Apperson,
San Simeon, Calif.

Dear Randolph :

Confirming my telegram from here today, following are further instructions from Chief in connection with the closing of the Hilltop which he has just told me to send you.

The original plan to close the place, as previously outlined, are unchanged in general. This letter will convey to you, however, some detail of what Chief desires.

First, close the Hacienda or Hilltop up tight.

Keep Lys and Pio and Hedwig and Charlie Harris and Dally, the help's cook, and one kitchen boy, whichever one Dally prefers.

For watchmen-- use Mr. Baldwin in the daytime, and two men only at night. You will have to let one of the watchmen go, and as Mooney and Welbanks are the oldest in time of service, Chief instructs to keep.

Also he instructs to keep Ray Swartley, who can act as relief for the watchmen on their days off, and the other three days can be useful in other ways-- in or out of the houses or castle-- as you direct.

Chief wishes Marks Eubanks and George Brunner kept on; and as the place will not be in use and no water in the pools Brunner's work will be greatly lessened-- so that Chief wishes him to assist Eubanks also in keeping things from deteriorating.

Reduce the number of gardeners by half, Chief says, and give Mr. March \$25 a month more salary.

Chief further states that the orchard force under Mr. Keep cannot be reduced immediately, as he has a lot of trees to plant which would spoil if not planted.

"Mr. Williams should sleep in the Hacienda and keep careful supervision," Chief instructs. "Mr. and Mrs. Redelsperger can go to Wyntoon in a couple of weeks and get things ready there with an extremely small force."

Chief has in mind to keep Wyntoon open during the summer, live at Santa Monica in winter, and not open the Hacienda until Spring.

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Incidentally, Chief says that George Lootz can use his best men on the bunk house at San Simeon for next three months and then we will resume work on the Hacienda.

WILL YOU KINDLY GET THIS SUGGESTION TO GEORGE,

And also tell him Chief says that "if things are not sufficiently finished at Wyntoon by the end of June, we may run another month or so moderately."

Finally, Chief wishes you to have a powerful siren installed on the Hilltop-- in one or both of the towers, to be used as a means of protection against intruders, or rather to sound warning in case of serious intrusion.

And in this connection, kindly see that there is no other siren used on the Hilltop.

I AM SENDING COPY OF THIS LETTER TO MISS MORGAN SO THAT SHE WILL BE INFORMED FULLY.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J WILLICOMBE