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

Dear Mr. Hearst:

I am mailing you tonight revised plans of the houses embodying your suggestions as far as I could. I am glad you suggested locating them farther down the hill, but do not feel at all sure that the red rock plateaus as foundations would be entirely satisfactory, much as I too, dislike the down-hill effect of the plain walls. I have suggested a balustrade of pierced concrete like that for the upper terraces of the main building, with a much plainer alternative. Bringing the center part forward has, it is true, shortened the side lines in one way, but has very much broadened the frontage effect as seen from below. I do not know how detrimental you will think this.

The combined bath and dressing rooms when drawn out first looked like overgrown ears, so I have brought them in somewhat to overcome this. It makes these rooms a little less ample than your sketch suggests. Do you wish the compromise?

The fireplace is certainly a problem, as I realize it should be decorative, but it is hard to strike just the right note for outdoors. That was why I thought the facing of blue, white, yellow and black tiling might offer a decorative solution which would be rich and I will keep on trying for just the right expression if we leave this open.

The steamer which we engaged for you is late in coming in and we are notified that it will probably be another ten days before she will be in port and ready for loading. All of the lumber for the forms is either at the wharf or in cars on the way and we have ordered cement and reinforcing steel and miscellaneous material enough to make up our cargo. The situation is as it was regarding the little steamer.

Mr. Washburn has his camp ready and is hauling sand and gravel so that in another two or three weeks things should be pretty well assembled. It would certainly

be a pleasure and satisfaction to put up the outline of the forms and have your suggestions for changes and final approval before the little houses take actual form.

The engineer who gave us the grades says they are accurate,- the only thing not taken accurately being the spread of the trees.

Very truly yours,