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Mr. William Randolph Hearst,
Los Angeles Examiner,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Hearst:

Mr. Rossi told me of your directions to go ahead and finish the tennis courts - and on coming back here I sent up the head of the firm handling the "Lakold" to fill the voids left on taking out the wood marking strips Mr. Rossi put in last year in the concrete half of the court. He reported that the concrete (a surface slab not the roof slab proper) was so shot to pieces by the trips that he strongly advised taking it up and replacing with Lakold. Also that the material they laid last winter had shrunk in thickness considerably due to the use of the local beach (i.e. salty) sand.

On thinking it over I asked Mr. Rossi to stop off any more preparatory work, and sent for the Los Angeles firm who did the actual work at the Beach house. They had been unwilling on account of a trade agreement as to territory to do the work last year, although agreeing with the local firm to come up and put on the green top coat.

I asked them for a full report on what they considered necessary to do to make just as fine a job as the Beach courts and the figure they would contract to do it for.

I saw them in Los Angeles Saturday afternoon, and intended to give you this explanation and the enclosed papers Tuesday. They say if you contract with them, it will take (for the 2 courts) two weeks after getting the material onto the job to finish the two courts, but that they could have one done in ten days.

The cost according to their bid is about 40¢ per sq. ft. and the work would be guaranteed, and also "serviced" for two years without extra pay.

If you think well of this, the San Francisco firm will turn over to the Los Angeles firm their part of the material and there will be no complication.

Yours very truly,

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