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Mr. William Randolph Hearst
137 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hearst:

We have had a long spell of very hot weather after the unexpected rains and the reserve reservoir made possible the pouring of concrete and enough watering of flower beds to make people if not fully content, at least grateful. I have asked that 500,000 gallons be kept in reserve for real emergency use.

After the animal grottos were poured it became very evident that we needed to concentrate on the Main Building for a time in order to get even old cloister rooms back into use, - not so much getting new work up as getting old work out.

The Doges Suite bed room chimneys and mantels are moved and the new windows are being formed now in the walls, - cloister room chimneys and fireplaces are out and new walls built, ceilings involved are being patched, enlarged, etc.

I will not bother you with detail of which there is ample amount -- but just write that it looks as though the results will be worth the effort, and that this was the right time to make it. The windows are cut through to the new study balcony, - it is lovely up there.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly

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