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Dear Frank:

I saw Mr. La Grange today as agreed and he signed the option on his Heldeberg land. The original with his signature witnessed by me is enclosed.

The matter of search you probably know by this time following my discussion with your Albany attorney, Mr. Charles Drake. Apparently some affidavits and deeds are missing in the sequence of conveyances notwithstanding that all of the other purchasers in that tract have managed to get satisfactory clear titles. Mr. Drake will continue his search until he comes up with the missing information. He promised to telephone you later in the afternoon.

I also had a talk with Mr. Kampf. Because of the necessity for making initial preparation incident to the real engineering work involved on the proposed road, there are certain procedures which I believe he should explain to you in person. I suggested that on his next opportunity while in the Troy area that he contacts you at your office with a full explanation. Meantime, he assured me he would do no further work.

In yesterday's mail was a letter from Walter Watson, the young student-architect at R.P.I. who wrote his regrets on his inability to take the architectural assignment. He claims having taken on more commitments during this final term than he had realized. Personally, I believe the boy did not feel too sure of himself on so important an assignment and this may be the real reason. However, Watson is out and we must look elsewhere for our architect. Do you have anyone in mind?

I believe it advisable to get the architect to work on the transmitter building plans at least pending FCC approval of the site. Incidentally, the matter of digging a well should also be pursued - also pending said approval.

There is an awful lot of hard work ahead of us on this project in which considerable over-all planning must commence soon if we hope to get started this fall with at least initial construction. Wherever your building will be set - whether on the La Grange site or any other site, there is architectural planning to be undertaken.

I can well understand and appreciate your stand on the Hotel Troy studio location pending FCC approval. But in my opinion, I continue to believe that the tacking down of this space is equally important and that you take steps to protect your position with some kind of agreement or option. If Barren gets in his amendment quickly there is no telling how soon FCC will act. They may take action quicker than you believe. They have often been known to do so.

Whoever you select as your architect, I suggest you put me in contact with him at least for preliminary discussion incident to the job to be done. We can at least lay our plans tentatively if you are unprepared to have him go ahead at this time.

These suggestions are offered constructively and in the interest of going ahead with the project progressively - doing first things first.

We should hear from Mr. W. J. Purcell of W G Y by approximately this time next week on his return from vacation. Mr. Kruger's findings with respect to our proposed site and any possible interference with their relay operations should, from what he told me, be on Mr. Purcell's desk on his return.

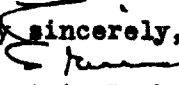
Meantime I understand you have written John Barren outlining the objections (verbal) made by Leonard Asch of W B C A on our use of this site with respect to relay network interference. Barren should give you quick action on this situation because if what Asch claims is true, he cannot enter objection until our amended application has been filed. I'm quite satisfied from what General Electric people tell me that FCC does not recognize objections of this character - these dealing with private network operations. At least, Mr. Barren should be able to furnish you with the full facts.

This brings us up to date as far as we have gone and despite your dislike of long letters I felt it expedient to at least confirm these various moves if only for the sake of the record.

I am going to the site again in the morning to check with the General Electric (W G Y) engineers on whatever findings they may be willing to reveal. Also to look over the plot for additional locations for the transmitter building and antenna in event we may have to move it for GE.

I'll be out of town the balance of the week - maybe back Saturday. I'll call you if I get in Saturday morning.

Very sincerely,


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