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Dear Frank:

Your letter came just as I returned from the Heldebergs late this afternoon.

I had every intention of going to Washington last night but because of inability to secure train and hotel reservations until tonight, I decided to spend my time to good advantage. I went to Albany, Rensselaer and the Heldebergs instead.

I knew that you intended at my suggestion to have your real-estate agent, Mr. Rousseau, contact Mr. La Grange as per our discussion last Wednesday but it never occurred to me until later in the day that Rousseau would have gotten at it so soon. Therefore, I decided to go to Albany to see the Camp Pinnacle people and get their decision and while in Albany also decided to look up Mr. La Grange. I found that Rousseau had already been to see him. This was confirmed in your letter. However, I was very glad I went because there were certain tracts of land which he owns which are not for sale and others which adapt themselves better.

You will recall that piece of land along the ridge just to the south of the GE transmitter station which I said could be reached via GE's road if right of way was obtainable? Well, this piece has been sold quite some time ago to another party for a home, according to Mr. La Grange. The aerial picture he showed to Rousseau would be meaningless to him because of his (Rousseau's) unfamiliarity with the country. Because of my knowledge of this entire area I was able to decipher just where Mr. La Grange's land abutts Camp Pinnacle. The piece he told me about and which I went to see today is off of the country road over the mountain where we drove last Wednesday to meet the Van Antwerps.

This piece is very choice for our purpose - in fact it is at first blush even more desirable than WBCA's site and is almost directly across the road to the south of WBCA. It is also directly below the Camp Pinnacle ridge which runs down to the GE site. In other words, La Grange's piece of land he offers to us for \$2000. is a bit west of GE, to the south of WBCA and adjoins some of Camp Pinnacle's land along that ridge where their little "lookout" house is situated. It is wooded but that would not be a problem. The site is a bit higher than WBCA's site and because it is right off the road, we would save considerable money in not having to construct a road of our own. At the worse, any road we would build would not be

in excess of two or three hundred feet - maybe less.

There is a little spring on Camp Pinnacle's land which creates a little stream right through the property, according to Mr. La Grange. He suggested that maybe the owners would grant us privilege for piping this spring to our building. That would be a break in not having to dig an expensive well. Its something to consider in these days of excessive labor costs.

The tract in question is of indefinite size and unknown shape other than a wild guess we could make without looking at a surveyor's map. Mr. La Grange will gladly go to the site with us whenever we are ready and will try to have some data from which to calculate the amount of land in the tract. However, just as he told Rousseau, he wants \$2000. net for the entire piece. I understand it runs down to the county road at the foot of the mountain (where we came in prior to climbing the mountain to where we met the Van Antwerp group). It also runs along this road several hundred feet and meets another similar piece which comes down from Camp Pinnacle from the west and abutts the GE land to the south.

From WBCA's site one cannot look at Troy or Albany as one can from GE's site on the other side of the mountain. This piece of land owned by Mr. La Grange is right in its path to the east and for this reason is far superior to WBCA's for eastern coverage. It is also superior for southern coverage. In fact it looks good all around if we could get up high enough with a tower to scan the entire country in all four directions.

I made a tentative deal with one of the lad's at WBCA who owns a very wonderful set of high powered binoculars mounted on a large tripod. It is something he rigged up with army binoculars stepped up to almost 20 power. I had a look through them today and they beat anything I have every looked through at this country. I asked to borrow them but the lad refused. I offered him two bucks and he said O.K. Thus, we have a date with this set when we go there again. We have permission to move the tripod over on the other land for viewing purposes. So much for La Grange. Now I will tell you the result of my visit with the Albany Bible School.

Miss Rogers told me the trustees met Friday night and made no decision but referred the matter to the board of directors of the school which meets on the 28th. She said that the trustees felt they would be breaking a long standing rule if they made an exception with us but that the radio time angle had its appeal too. She wanted to be sure that the school could have some time every Sunday afternoon for gospel work and I told her this could easily be worked out, in my opinion. Moreover, I told her that we would also consider giving them some

early morning week-day time occasionally as part of our public service sustaining programming. This appeals to her and she will take it up with the board next Monday.

I suggested using that little corner right off the Camp Pinnacle county road at the apex of the ridge which falls down toward the GE site some hundred or more feet below. This piece of about four or five acres would in no way conflict with their activities and would make it possible for us to drive right in there without spending a dime for road construction. Also, this site would be far more advantageous to us than anything in that entire country and would give us the highest site in this entire part of the country.

Today I walked up on top of that ridge in ten inches of snow. We had a small size blizzard here this morning and awakened to four inches of snow on the ground. It was general throughout Albany and Troy, and was ten inches deep on the Heldebergs. I could not walk over onto La Grange's property because the snow was too deep. From this site we look right down on La Grange's site at least a hundred feet below.

If we could get this Camp Pinnacle site by purchase or lease, I would prefer it by far than La Grange's land because of its height and our ability to cover more area with the same equipment. It also suggests the possibility of saving considerable money on tower purchase. This latter site would necessitate only a short tower for our purpose, in my opinion. We may even be able to eliminate a tower altogether. I am not too sure about this, but it is a possibility. GE has its antenna right on the ground although they plan a new antenna array on some kind of tower - soon. In any event, with this extra height, we could blanket any other broadcast station's coverage like an Arab's tent. It would be a honey.

Mr. La Grange gave me his word that we have a verbal option on this piece of land until May 15th, the date I suggested. You see, while awaiting Camp Pinnacle's decision, I did not want you to spend any money on an option you might not see fit to take up if the decision is favorable from the Bible School. Thus, we have two fine sites in immediate prospect. I am reasonably satisfied that either of these sites will serve our purpose with emphasis on the higher site, of course.

I am writing John Barron suggesting that he comes up to see these sites by the end of next week. I hope he can arrange his plans to arrive here say on May 1st or 2nd. I will be away most of the following week and I will hold open these two days for Barron. I am writing him tonight.

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Very sincerely,
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