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Dear Frank:

I have been to the Heidebergs daily during the week in collaboration with surveyors, engineers, construction people, etc. It was one of the toughest weeks I've had in this business, considering the terrific heat.

On Monday I have a date with Kampf, the surveyor, who will complete the work for La Grange of drawing connecting lines of the latter's property. This will include connecting up the line on Pinnacle road with the far corner fence post we located yesterday. With the completion of this line and an intermediate point inside we should be able to determine fairly accurate whether or not the La Grange site will be suitable. From our preliminary inspection of the site yesterday (from the inside) it has evidence of being C.R., even with the construction of the proposed road as discussed with road contractors earlier in the week.

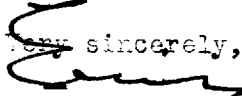
We located a nice flat piece of ground not too far from the edge of the ridge overlooking the valley in the direction of Troy. This could be cleared nicely and give us plenty of room to erect the building and antenna. Everything hinges on what we find when we connect up the two points Monday.

This survey by Kampf is merely to describe the boundaries of the tract set years ago by La Grange when he constructed the iron fence. La Grange has sold off several tracts of land over the years including land to GE CO., SCA, MTR, Bosch the contractor, etc. I am told that each of them had individual surveys made which in no way indicated that the land sold by La Grange was other than represented. I have a feeling that the present survey would be safe enough for all practical purposes. A later survey by your own direction could confirm it. Meantime we are faced with a time limitation for construction and it may be advisable to move quickly in order to beat weather conditions in the fall.

If the La Grange tract proves out Monday, I strongly recommend immediate action incident to getting going without further delay. The construction of a suitable road to where the building would be located, is not a serious consideration, nor a costly one. Orsini Brothers of Altamont will sign a firm contract for under a thousand dollars. I have previously advised you of this. Attached is a comparative outline of my findings between the La Grange and the Zeh sites. The La Grange site was Barron's second choice.

In the interest of saving time I hope you have contacted Barron on the possibility of FCC approval of either of these sites. Even working at top speed I know from experience with FCC that it takes considerable time to get a decision from them on any engineering matter. Hence the importance of quick action on our own part.

I will be in contact with you Monday afternoon after we have finished locating the line. It may be necessary for me to hire a couple of laborers to blaze a path between the two points and the intermediate post when finally located inside the tract Monday. As near as I can determine the over-all distance from the road to the corner fence-post is about 700 to 800 feet. Kumpf will locate only one intermediate post between the road and the corner. The rest will be up to us to draw the line between them.


Very sincerely,

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