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Dear Frank:

Attached is copy of my letter to Professor Williams of R.P.I.

I thought it best to suggest he keep the matter confidential for obvious reasons. I don't think it would be wise to let your competitors know too much about our general planning. I had meant to warn him to keep the matter to himself but overlooked doing so.

Next week I hope to find time for a day in the Heldebergs. I want to do some more exploring but particularly have in mind trying to contact one party who owns some land back of the General Electric site. I'm not sure his land is accessible but I plan to find out. I also want to check up on two GE fellows who promised to make inquiries for me.

With the clearing of the weather soon and roads made usable to enable getting back into the mountains, I will make a definite date with Mr. Rider - the chap who owns 200 acres in the Heldebergs country. I hope that you may be able to join me on this occasion. I will let you know far enough in advance so that you can plan it. Meantime, I hope Barron will set a date for his coming to enable me to plan for it.

I suggest you tell Rousseau that the Troy Hotel space is unsuited to our purpose. I suggested that he continue to search for space of 2000 to 2500 square feet which could be leased at nominal rent on short-term basis with privilege of renewal. This would be in keeping with our discussion on Thursday in the matter of minimum construction costs for temporary studios pending permanent construction later at reduced levels. If you succeed in acquiring the church property we may be able to setup temporary studios. Otherwise, Mr. Rousseau should continue his search.

I hope to be in contact with you before the end of the coming week.

Very sincerely,

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