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NEW YORK, April 30th, 1915

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*Rec'd 1st May - J.C.O.*

*Ans'd 18th " J.C.O.*

*Read by J.H.O. 7<sup>th</sup> May*

*Read by J.H.O. June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 15*

Dear Olmsted:

Thank you for your letter which I found on my return from a week's fishing trip.

I am sending you copies of the documents in question, i.e. a letter from Frank P. Allen to me dated March 29th, and a copy of my reply dated April 14th.

I don't need to ask you to regard these documents as absolutely confidential <sup>(~~Sec-~~)</sup> though Allen no doubt had some advice--he ever had--in writing his letter to me, and while I admit cheerfully that my lawyer aided in the preparation of my reply, the existence of both letters should, as a matter of strict propriety be known only to the two recipients) Of course, I don't mean by this that your brother or Mr. Dawson should not see them for I think they should, but there can be no question that you should, and I should be very grateful to you for an expression of opinion as to the accuracy of the statements made in my reply.

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When you have finished with the letters won't you either tear them up or return them to me?

Allen's letter was, is, and will always remain, incomprehensible to me. It has so sincere a ring despite its insulting quality that I am almost ready to believe that he has convinced himself of the truth of the ridiculous statements made. As for me--and Fairs--never again.

There are a number of articles appearing in the magazines, with some of which I have had to do. The 'Pacific Coast Architect' will in the near future publish a special number on the Fair containing two such articles, one by Allen and one by Mr. Stein of this office. The latter I hope you will read carefully when it comes out for in it I have, to the best of my ability, seen to it that Mr. Stein has stated the exact facts and no more. Of course, there is mention of the first and final sites, but I think that you will feel that you have been carefully guarded everywhere.

I am delighted to gather from your letter that you are in much better shape than you were a year or so ago.

Your brother Rick is one of the nicest fellows in the world but he doesn't come to see me as often as

I think he should.

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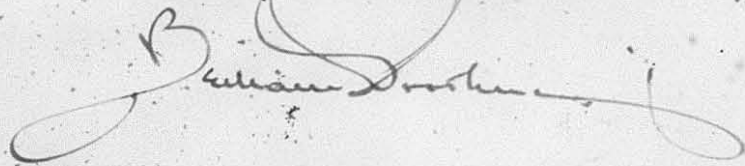
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I saw Brunner the other day at the Century and learned from him that your brother's absence was somewhat a matter of health, which I was very sorry indeed to learn.

With many thanks for the trouble I am imposing upon you, believe me,

Very faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very faithfully yours,". It features a large, looping initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Encs.