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Mr. Olmstead

Sept. 2, 1911.

Mr. John C. Olmstead,

Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Olmstead:

I beg to confirm the following telegram of Sept. 1st:

"Blossom has telegraphed decision for central site-Exposition almost solid for it-Luce, O'Hallaran and I only supported southern site-Collier contended Exposition absolutely required central location for success-Regret result exceedingly but beg you not to withdraw from engagement-You are needed in our future park development-Blossom giving good service."

*Mr. Wangenheim
Later I rec'd a
very similar one*

I have received your telegram as follows:

"We have received a telegram from our representative Mr. Blossom and from Mr. Marston chairman of buildings and grounds committee stating that your board has unanimously consented to the exposition being located in the Central Part of Balboa Park. This is contrary to our advice and will interfere with various other portions of the design proposed for Balboa Park by us. We regret that our professional responsibility as park designers will not permit us to assist in ruining Balboa Park. We tender herewith therefore our resignation."

This afternoon I sent you the following:

"I wish to correct omission of yesterday's telegram. Wangenheim also strongly supports southern site-Reconsideration of your decision is earnestly desired by all. Wait for Wangenheim's letter."

I fear that my omission of Mr. Wangenheim's name which was purely accidental on account of hasty writing at the telegraph office, without revising or copying, has had some weight in making you feel that you were having no support from the park commission. Mr. Wangenheim has consistently supported your views and has worked with Luce, O'Hallaran and myself

to carry out your recommendations.

A majority of the Buildings and Grounds Committee might possibly, by great personal effort in respect to R. C. Allen and Mr. Wilde, have been secured, but we felt that a mere majority of the committee would not carry the matter through, because two out of three of the park commissioners favor central site and almost all of the Exposition directors.

I do not wonder at all at your decision and I appreciate the position which you are taking. None of your supporters here can attach any blame whatever to you, on account of the course you are taking, but we wish, nevertheless, that you might reconsider the matter and continue your engagement with the park board. I will not make any further argument for it or do any more urging, other than to say, that if it is compatible with your ideas that it is my personal desire that you continue your relations with the exposition and park boards.

I feel that I have neglected to write you as fully as I ought to have done but must make the plea of urgent business my excuse for not keeping you thoroughly informed. I felt that Mr. Blossom was doing this as fully as he could. Unfortunately your letter of Aug. 9th did not reach me until two or three days ago. It was received in Mr. Monroe's office and posted by him to me the night that he left for Spokane. On account of insufficient postage, the letter was not in our office until this week. No notice was sent by the postmaster and a so-called second notice was the first information given us.

Your letter of Aug. 25th in respect to my personal work at Upas street, as well as the roll of plans, received. I have hardly had time to read the letter and have not opened the roll of plans as yet. Will attend to this next week. It is Saturday afternoon and store business is pressing me and preventing such a letter as I would like to write.

With very warm personal appreciation of your services to our committee and with deep regret that our Exposition and Park directors should have disregarded your sound advice, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

GWM

George W. Marston