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Mr. Julius Wangenheim, President,
Board of Park Commissioners,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your second letter of the
11th instant in regard to plans for the general improve-
ment of Balboa Park, we beg to state that you will find
on file in the office of the director of works all the
plans which we have prepared for the general improvement
of Balboa Park. An examination of these will show that
we have left fairly complete and comprehensive plans
for a general system of drives for the Park, which we
deemed necessary for proper circulation, entrances,
short cuts and access to the principal scenic points in
the Park.

We beg to state further that we were not
employed upon our regular terms for the preparation of

complete plans for Balboa Park or even for a comprehensive general plan. Our regular charge for a park plan is at the rate of \$20.00 per acre plus drafting, traveling and other incidental expenses. We were employed to make a plan for the Exposition and for the improvement of so much of the park as could be improved with the portion of the \$1,000,000.00 not to be spent upon the Exposition itself but upon outlying parts of the Park.

In addition to general plans for a system of drives, we made careful, detailed grading plans for the drives in the northeast part of the Park, West Drive and for various drives in the vicinity of the southern site for the Exposition. We should have made additional working drawings if the detailed topographical map had been further advanced, more particularly for the drive across the north end of the Park, which is the one we consider most necessary among those not already graded or drawn in detail.

In addition we made planting plans for various portions of the park and gave a great deal of time and consideration to the establishment of the park nursery.

Judging from our general experience in the matter of charges for landscape architects' services in park work, we consider that the Park Commission has already received from us full value for the amounts charged without regard to the plans and advice we have supplied in connection with the exposition. You say:-- "We will have paid out considerable money for which, unless you give us the plans and the advantage of your work to date, we will have absolutely nothing". You appear to leave it to be inferred in this statement that we have removed all the plans and written advice which we have prepared to date. If you will confer with Mr. Frank P. Allen, Jr., and make a thorough examination of our room in his offices, we think you will find no warrant for that inference.

We wish to express our cordial appreciation of your friendly attitude toward us, but we regret that we cannot continue to be connected with the improvement of Balboa Park, because the public would certainly fail to distinguish between the Park and the Exposition as regards matters of design, and it certainly would derive the impression, if we were to continue to elaborate plans for the Park, that we were also responsible professionally

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for the ruination of the Park by the placing of the permanent buildings, plazas, terraces, statues, fountains and straight drives and walks of the Exposition in the broad, simple, open, central landscape which any properly professionally educated landscape architect would certainly support us in saying was entirely contrary to the requirements of good landscape park design.

Yours very truly,