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My Dear Mr. Olmsted:

I have just returned from San Diego, the second visit within the week. Your letter, the contents of which you asked me by telegraph to consider confidential, was unfortunately read by Allen and Dawson, it having been handed me as we three were hanging over one of the plans on the drawing board together.

As you no doubt know from Dawson we three have had considerable difficulty in getting together. Indeed, at the very moment your letter came we were in the midst of such a difficulty, and I tossed over each page as fast as I myself had finished, for them to read. However, I think no harm was done except to my own amour-propre.

While I dislike to seem in any sense to quarrel or even to differ with you I must ask you to consider my point of view equally, or next, your own in the matter of the Fair buildings. As you know I have agreed to accept any site you and the committee may choose. It seems to me that in ^{this} I have ~~been~~ ^{not} waived ^{anything essentially} ~~essentially everything~~ within my own province, that is to say the selection of the site upon which the buildings are to be placed should and does rest entirely with you and the committee, but I feel that in the placing of the buildings my interest is as great as your own, perhaps even greater, for if they are to be placed at all I must ^{see that} ~~say~~ they ^{are} should be placed according to the mass, general arrangement and design, ^{my interest is perhaps even} in this I have a ~~perhaps~~ greater interest than your own. As I explained very carefully to Mr. Dawson this is the attitude

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I must take in the matter. If you feel that it is a wrong one and so inform me I shall be very glad at any moment to present my resignation to the committee.

As for the plans you will have received them before this letter reaches you. They represent, or at least one of them represents, so it seems to me, a marked advance over the two heretofore prepared for the site though far from being what I hope to see built. Mr. Winslow, so the New York office informs me will be back from Panama on the 18th. and I have written ~~them~~ asking that he come directly here as soon as possible after landing. And not until he has prepared plans based upon your and my approval of the plan sent you by Mr. Dawson, the other day, will it be possible to begin actual work on the grading and filling for the buildings themselves.

Mr. Sefton, it seems, owns a pottery where he has very kindly volunteered to build a new kiln and ^{to} ~~will~~ undertake to produce the glazed and colored tile etc., and the rough ^{flat} red tile that will be needed. I am much encouraged by many turns that have taken place. I feel that even despite the loss of the auditorium which was so lightly abandoned by every one I will still be able, ^{with} ~~by~~ Mr. Gill's aid, to make a very creditable effect in the permanent group.

As soon as Winslow arrives, which I suppose will be ~~within~~ a few days before the first of the month I will again go to San Diego to present him and get him installed ^{generally}. So far I feel that I have been merely marking time, but then, if ^{in the meanwhile} you and I can "get together", things should begin to happen very rapidly.

Very faithfully yours,

