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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA Aug. 9/11

Mr. John C. Olmsted,
c/o Olmsted Bros.,
Brookline, Mass.

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Dear Sir:-

Having answered yours of the 3d, I would like to take up with you several matters connected with the Park. Your arguments and those of Mr. Dawson have very much appealed to me in the matter of the south site, and the Park Board very decidedly favors this site at the present time.

We have given the matter, as you may imagine, considerable thought, and have come to the conclusion that the Park is so vast that it is hopeless with our small amount of money to scatter the improvements over it. Our idea, in the main, is to improve the west and south borders, considering this as the Park for this generation, and leaving the great central portion as a reserve for the future. In line with this idea, we desire to go ahead with the improvements on the western portion at once, and are now considering the remaking of the central boulevard and the planting of the east side to correspond with the work already done on the west. This will give a boulevard through a park, instead of bounded on one side, only; you will see that in line with this idea, the south side appeals to us particularly for the Fair, as it will leave, primarily, the south border improved, which can, therefore work in with our present plan. We will allow whatever work they care to do on the central site, but entirely independent of the Park, with no Park funds to be expended thereon.

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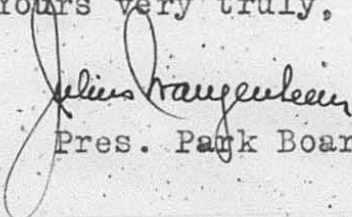
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With our limited money we fear our policies will conflict with your ideas as to canyon treatment and road-making. We have ordered all roads discontinued, and intend to devote our energies at the present time in that direction to maintaining the present ones.

We have refused the exposition management the right to put up storage buildings on the mesa, and have ordered same to be put into the canyon. We hope our attitude and our action meets with your approval.

Yours very truly,


Pres. Park Board.