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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,

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My dear Mr. Alusted,

I tried to reach Mr. Russell Allen yesterday and will try again to-day. He likes the "monument in the middle of the park." Think it will be a finer picture.

I want to see Mr. O'Halloran to see if he could influence Mr. Forward. I tried to get Mr. Forward & Mr.

Belcher to go with me to the park. But both have already gone over the ground ^{many times} and have made up their minds that the middle site is easier and they want the Corps. to be helped as much as possible. They don't seem to care much about the park.

I may get Mr. Belcher to ride out with me early to-morrow morning. The situation now hinges on Col. Collier's attitude. He arrived last night and was given a great ovation. At the Grant a banquet of 500 men was enthusiastic and optimistic. Collier stated that he did

not want to see this exposition, ^{try to} expand in size to compete with Frisco; that San Diego could not do it, and her exposition must be unique, and differ. Mr. Marston could not attend the banquet on account of his health so I ~~told~~ ^{went} him this morning and perhaps Col. Collier's attitude can be interpreted against the Central site, and for the Southern site. That is our only hope now. Mr. Marston may be able to show him how the Southern site will be best for his purposes. I sincerely hope so.

In case it goes to the Central site I have suggested to Mr. Marston that if he accepted Mr. Leffron's bond for \$50,000 (which has been offered) to have all the buildings removed after the fair, it might be the best we could do. There are difficulties however - all the work then is only temporary not permanent improvement of the Park.

I do hope Mr. Marston can control Collier: if so then we are safe.

It is evident that the Spreckles and other interests are working hard, ^{but secretly} to get a trolley through the park on the middle mesa: it has big influence in ~~putting~~ the movement to adopt the Central site.

I therefore wired you yesterday as follows:

"If trolley had to be in park, what location would you suggest. Might it be planted out in Serra Canyon."

It looks to me as though Mr. Allen were working very hard for this himself but not openly or directly.

I feel that it is going to come sooner or later and inevitably. This present park board would certainly grant it. Therefore the best that can be done seems to me is to have you advise the best way to treat it. I will go up the north end of Terra Canyon to-day to see if there are any difficulties in the way of getting out of the Canyon there.

I am naturally accomplishing not very much on plans these days; but we are inking in the 53 D plan with Goodhue's building details. It will be ready A-morrow evening I think. I colored your 53 D plan with crayon so that it showed up well in the Committee meeting. The committee feel that thus far they have given so much to you regarding the plan that they should yield a little to Mr. Goodhue regarding the buildings and the changes in their arrangement which he showed on his revision of 53-C. I feel that the wisest position for me was not to push the matter of accepting your 53 D entirely and yield nothing to Mr. Goodhue; but rather to let them decide how they would adjust Goodhue's and your revisions of 53-C. Because they are very much alike, and if we fight on these little matters we may weaken our position on the big question of the central vs. southern site.

Very truly yours
Harold Keel Blossom