

Washington, D.C.
June 10, 1934.

Dear Mackie,

I received your letter inclosing copy of the letter from the Model Land Co., suggesting a meeting of owners of land in the proposed park area. I think it is well to keep in touch with

what is going on in that matter. I suppose you have not yet heard yet if they have fixed a date for a meeting. I think it will be a great mistake if they undertake to boost the price too much. The state of Florida is not going to appropriate much money, if any to buy land. It will donate the land that the state already owns, but it will not donate money to buy land from any one else. And, I am convinced that, in times like this no one is going to donate money to buy land down there, if they get an inkling that the land owners are trying to get more than their land is worth. The man who insists on a big price for the land will prove to be the worst enemy of the success of the enterprise, and will cause an indefinite delay or the ultimate abandonment of the proposition.

I don't know that there is anything much that any of us can do by attending the meeting, except to keep in touch with the movement, and counsel moderation as to price, and try to keep any one from getting too enthusiastic over the hopes of selling the land at a fancy price. Ivar said that Palgrove wanted \$10.00 per acre. They sold their land (and water) during the boom at \$5.00 per acre, and should be glad to get that price now.

As soon as I got your data sheet, giving Ivar's background, for stock-exchange work, I went to see Secretary Roper. I showed him a copy of the sheet, and told him I would like to have him write a letter. He seemed reluctant about writing a letter. Said we don't know yet who will be on the Commission. I suggested that the letter could be addressed to the Chairman of the Commission, without naming him, but he said you had better wait until we see who the Commissioners are, and then suggested that I go and see Col. McIntire (Roosevelt's Secretary) and said maybe he would know. He asked me if he could keep the background sheet, and said he would give it to the Chairman when he is appointed. Of course, I left it with him. I then went to ~~see~~ the Executive offices to see Col. McIntire, but he was at the White House, with the President, and I did not get to see him. I will try to see Senator Thomas tomorrow, and make another effort to see McIntire.

Mama is having asthma and B.B. is not feeling well. I think mama will be over her asthma in a day or two more.

In regard to the Detroit cases, I have heard nothing from Seitz as to whether he has succeeded in arranging a continuance. I will write to him today.

I have gotten badly behind with my personal matters, as I have to attend to them at odd times, and do my own typing etc.

Lots of love to all from

Have you heard *Father*
from the tax collector at Key West as to the amt. of tax

on one section of land