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Tallahassee, March 23, 1917

Hon. J.F. Jaudon.,
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Frank:

I am handling you herewith copy of Everglade Drainage Bond Contract. It seemed for sometime that I was not going to be able to obtain it, and it took two hours of chasing from one office to another before I finally located the original in Mr. Lewis' office; even then, the Attorney General withheld his consent to my having copies for over an hour. I am forwarding one copy to Chicago, as requested. You will note upon reading this contract that these bonds are callable any time at 102 and interest.

You will also observe that in the event additional bonds are issued S.R. & Co., have an option on \$2,500,000 at 95. I have not heard from S.R. & Co., but I am advised by Mr. Manning that they have already sold to investors over \$500,000 of the bonds purchased by them. This being the case, it is hardly likely that they are in a position to disavow their contract. My advise would be that if our client can not obtain S.R. and Co. contract that he make a proposition to take the amount of bonds originally suggested and call in this \$3,500,000 issue at the contract price of 102, the premium being taken into consideration in making a price on the larger issue. It would amount to only seven-tenths of one percent on the whole issue, and this seems necessary under paragraph six of the contract.

Advise me if there is anything farther, I can do for you.

Very truly yours,

Geo. F. Morgan.