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SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-Pres.,  
Model Land Company,  
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

We beg to acknowledge with thanks, receipt of yours of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of telegrams sent to Messrs. Watson and Loftin in connection with an effort of Mr. Joe Conrad to get a Bill thru this session authorizing the Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District not to levy any tax for the year 1930.

In this connection, I am enclosing herewith some further original correspondence between Senator Watson, Mr. Conrad and this office on the subject, which reached our office on yesterday (Sunday).

Immediately upon receipt of this correspondence yesterday the writer called upon Mr. Conrad at his home to suggest and discuss with him the advisability of broadening the scope of this Bill so as to give the Supervisors power and authority to eliminate this tax not only for the year 1930 as is provided in Mr. Conrad's proposed Bill, but to authorize the Supervisors or make it legal for them to eliminate the tax in any year they see fit.

Mr. Conrad explained that he thought of this feature when he wired the Bill to Senator Watson on last Saturday, the 15th, but was afraid to ask for too much or have the Bill in any form but the most simple for fear that it would raise some debate on the floor which would serve to call attention to parties here (not named by Mr. Conrad), who would fight and object to passage of even the one he has proposed, but it is his ope that this Bill, in its simple form,

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will go thru without any objection or discussion. He stated he had also wired to Representative Robineau from this District, and understands that the Bill was offered and passed by the House last Saturday.

I could interpret from our discussion that Mr. Conrad at this time does not think the District will be able to or feel justified in eliminating the tax entirely for the year 1931, but he did call my attention to the fact that while it would be necessary to levy a tax, the Supervisors would have authority to make it any amount from one cent to one dollar per acre, and if conditions so warranted at that time, it could be a nominal assessment.

In further consideration of the future policy to be followed out in this Drainage District it seems to me it would be well for your Tax Department to ascertain, if possible, at least the major owners of land in the District in order to be able to "feel" them out at an opportune time on this subject.

Yours very truly,

PEEPER AND POTTER, INC.

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