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Oct., 20, 1930.

SUBJECT: Proposed Repairs on Cape Sable Road and Bridges.

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

Dear Sir:

Further in reply to your telegram of the 15th instant in re above.

We got in touch with Mr. F. H. Irwin this morning and he has submitted his proposal in writing and we attach two copies of same herewith, one to be forwarded by you to the County Commissioners of Monroe County and one for your files.

By referring to our letter to you of August 29th you will note that when Mr. Reid and Mr. Irwin inspected this stretch of road it was in such bad condition that they were forced to leave their car and walk about nine miles in making this inspection, at which time they reported that neither of the bridges were safe for a truck and they recommended that a sign be posted at the Dade-Monroe County line warning cars that the road was impassable, at which time they stated that the bridges should be condemned until they were repaired. From the same letter you will note that they found an old couple stuck in the mud on this road on that trip and it took them a couple of hours to help the old man dig his car out of the mud.

In order to show you that their judgment regarding the two bridges was sound, we might mention that we have just learned that the bridge which is located about a mile southwest of the County line collapsed one day last week with Mr. Charles Powers when he tried to cross it with a Rec truck and some fertilizer he was hauling down to his farm which is located Southwest of these two bridges. Mr. Powers selected last week to make the trip as the bad strip of road was drier last week than it had been for some time, and he hoped to make a successful trip over the bad stretch of road. We understand Mr. Powers had

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to walk on down to the Cape and get the Roberts boys and some others who were down there and that it took around 15 men to get the truck back on the road.

From this you will note that one of the bridges is completely gone and the other one is apparently about as unsafe as the one that collapsed, and we understand it will be necessary to build two completely new bridges to replace the two old ones.

As you will note from the proposal of Mr. Irwin, his work is in such shape now that he can start on this job immediately if he is given the contract, and since the one bridge has fallen in it seems absolutely necessary for this work to be done in order that ingress and egress may be had to and from the Cape Sable country.

Yours very truly,

PEPPER AND POTTER, INC.

By:

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*10/21/30 Showed Mr Hoffman original today  
& mailed it to him*