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Mr. Frank J. Pepper,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors,
Biscayne Drainage District,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Pepper:

As you will doubtless recall, our Biscayne Drainage District work was held up in April at the request of James Bright pending negotiations which were started at that time for the creation of a Dade Drainage District with the promise that if we deferred action in contracting for the Biscayne Canal that the proposed negotiations would be rushed through so that we would have our ditch perhaps earlier than it would have been possible otherwise.

The larger property holders and others interested in the Biscayne Drainage District are becoming quite impatient due to the fact that although the Engineers of the Biscayne Drainage District have submitted their figures a long time ago, the negotiations for co-operating with the Dade District in the digging of canal are apparently still held up for lack of action on the part of the Dade District.

We are informed that the engineering work for the Dade District is being conducted under the supervision of Engineer Clune at Hialeah, the Dade District having opened an office at Hialeah, with telephone number O-514.

In view of the fact that you have been absent from the city most of the summer it may not be out of place to mention the fact that Mr. J. P. Simmons with possibly some other associates are owners of the tract of land north and west of Biscayne Park generally known as the Blaine tract, and Mr. Simmons has requested us repeatedly to keep him informed as to developments for drainage and he is ready to co-operate in any efforts that are necessary to push this work along.

About six weeks ago Messrs. Moore and Bennett of the Biscayne Engineering Company, Mr. Simmons and Mr. Graham of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company met at our downtown office for a general discussion of the proposed co-operative canal work and it was understood that very shortly after Mr. Graham's return from the north this matter was to be called up for some definite action.

Mr. Graham has been home for the past three or four weeks and I suggest that as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors you call a joint meeting of the Biscayne Drainage supervisors and the Biscayne Drainage attorney and engineers with the especially interested property

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owners in this district such as Mr. Simmons, Mr. George P. Elliott, whose office is in the Congress Building, Mr. Jerome Cherbino at Miami Beach, The Curtis-Bright Ranch Company, Hialeah and the undersigned who will represent various property owners at Biscayne Park and in the Arch Creek section.

In addition to the officials and property owners as mentioned for the Biscayne Drainage District, I believe we can accomplish the desired results more quickly by also requesting Mr. Graham and the engineers and attorney for the Dade District to join in this conference.

Our people - speaking of those especially interested in the Biscayne District - feel that we have lost a great deal of time by this delay and that definite action should be taken to dig our canal if co-operative action must be much longer deferred.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the above mentioned property holders of the Biscayne District, also to Mr. Graham and the engineers of the Biscayne District.

Hoping that action may be taken to this end during the present week, and thanking you for your kind efforts in this direction, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Copy also to Mr. McCall

Arthur M. Griffing
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