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Mr. E. E. McDonald, Palford, Florida.
Mr. J. O. Harley, # 38 N. E. First Avenue, Miami.
Mr. George E. McCaskill, Miami, Florida, - Ralston Building.

Gentlemen :-

As Chairman of the Biscayne Drainage Committee, I have been keeping in pretty close touch with the Biscayne Engineering Company whom we contracted with to perform survey and engineering work in connection with the Biscayne Drainage District project.

Mr. Moore reports that all of the field work in connection with the preliminary survey has been completed and that he has his office force compiling the necessary information and data to form a report with recommendations to be submitted to our Committee for the adoption of the drainage plan, to be in turn recommended by our Committee to the County Commissioners.

This report from our Engineer should be ready within a very few days, and in view of the fact that I am forced to leave Miami today, for probably a couple of weeks, under instructions from my physician, I am writing you gentlemen this letter to inform you that I am requesting the Biscayne Engineering Company to rush their report through to completion at the earliest date possible and deliver it to Mr. McCaskill.

As soon as it reaches the hands of Mr. McCaskill, my suggestion is that he may call a meeting of Mr. McDonald and Mr. Harley, and Mr. Moore the Engineer, to thoroughly go into the details of the report for the purpose of being as fully informed as possible on all phases of the question. Then, it has been my idea to suggest to the balance of the Committee, as soon as it had gone into the matter as fully as it had desired, to call a meeting of the property owners within the district, or as many of them as can be gotten together and submit to them the ideas of the Committee based on the Engineer's report, and secure, if possible, their approval before final report is submitted to the County Commissioners.

I regret very much that I will not be able to be present

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at this meeting, but have full confidence in the ability of the balance of the Committee and our Engineer to submit the very best plans and recommendations.

Of course, the real functions of this Committee is to give the property owners, as far as possible the kind of a project that they desire since they are the ones to be benefited or damaged and the ones who will have to pay the taxes, but oftines, in such cases, it is impossible to get all of the property to agree on any one plan, in which event, the Committee can do nothing more than to adjourn the meeting and come to their own decision based on the Engineer's report and also other information and wishes expressed by the different property owners.

Yours very truly,

Chairman.

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