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Memorandum. SUBJECT: Planting Sugar Cane at Cape Sable.

When Mr. Hoffman was in our office today he discussed with Mr. Pepper our trip on March 8, 1929 to Cape Sable with Mr. Fahrnam and stated he and Mr. Kenan were interested in planting some sugar cane at Cape Sable and they were considering planting a tract of around 100 acres, and Mr. Hoffman asked us what we thought it would cost to clear Hammock land per acre and we told him it was pretty hard to judge as we did not know of anyone that had cleared that class of land and taken out the hammock and mangrove roots so that it could be cultivated in the manner needed for sugar cane. We were of the opinion that it could not be done for less than \$200.00 or \$300.00 per acre any way. Mr. Pepper told Mr. Hoffman he could get an estimate of the clearing cost from John Lindgren if he wanted it but he did not ask us to get it.

Mr. Pepper suggested that 100 acres was a large tract and he thought a 10-acre tract would demonstrate the sugar cane possibilities as well as 100 acres, and Mr. Hoffman said he may possibly put in a smaller tract on the Hammock land and another tract on the marl land at Cape Sable and possibly a third tract on the Key Largo road South of Tatum's Florida City Oil Well, which would also be on marl, these tracts to be put in at the expense of the Model Land Company for demonstration purposes, in which case they would bring in someone from Porto Rico who was experienced, to plant and handle this cane, possibly planting several different kinds of cane to see which was the best adapted to our conditions.

Milo Coffrin.