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SUBJECT: Experimental Planting of Sugar Cane on Marl Soil.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-President,
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Sir:

We have had some conversations in the past regarding an experimental planting of sugar cane on marl soil in Dade County, and I have kept the matter constantly in mind with a view of locating the right party who could handle this for us, and I think we have found him today.

Mr. J. M. Holferty is a farmer and a booster living on the front glade near Goulds, in the Goulds Drainage District, and in discussing the subject with him today he stated that if we could find some way to furnish him with seed cane he would be glad to use a part of his farm for this purpose, suggesting that probably it would be advisable to try out about ten varieties, making a row of each variety 150 or 200 feet in length.

As I remember, in our conversations you stated if we could get someone to look after it you would be able to arrange for the seed cane, and that is the purpose of this letter.

If this plan meets with your approval and you can send us the seed cane we would also at the same time welcome any further information that can be furnished us with reference to proper method of planting, fertilization, season of year for planting, if any, etc.

As above stated, we know Mr. Holferty quite well and as he owns the property and lives on the premises, we are certain he will take care of the experiment so that in a reasonable length of time we will have some knowledge as to what sugar cane will do on marl soil.

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Yours very truly,
PEPPER AND POTTER, INC.
By: