

Canti. O. Mich 5/19/74

My dear Mr. Flint:

Your Postcard 2^d to hand - Since the receipt of your letter of 23rd Feb'y - which I intended having answered ere this, a fire in our house at home disorganized things so badly & added thereto, a few days later I sprained my ankle, so I could not write you sooner. Am getting up today & able to write you fully as to your letter & a letter from Lodge & other information on hand to date.

Between you & Lodge has certainly handled this matter like a weakling - I hear he has gotten in badly with the C.C. by attacking them in an article in the Knickerbocker Press. Then when he went to L.S. to confer with Mr. St. by appointment, he does not even resent their overture - "that we buy Lot 4!" concerning which I forewarned him, not even to consider or listen to. I enclose you copy his ^{copy} letter to me & my reply. As you see it is a "hold up" game in which Mr. St. aided & supported by Sheridan of the C.C. ^{subscribed}

(over)

to extort a fancy price for their Lot #1
& evade responsibility by selling out
& besides force us to "buy peace" at an
extortionate price - "Blackmail" nothing
more -

Summing up the entire situation to date
from all facts in the case as I have them
now I would suggest that, we better
drop the matter entirely for the present
(after you receive N & J response) until such
time that we can assemble our members
& together conclude what action would
be best to take - Without consulting
our members, no one person, officer or
member would have authority to order
any action being taken - & I can hardly
see how we could get a consensus of
opinion from the members by correspond-
ence - This I tried to do in the
circular letter sent out in Novr - but
some havnt even replied to that -

In view of conditions as they are & in
the absence of the CQ's cooperation with
our association, I can only recommend
what is stated in the second ^{of the} last para-
graph of my letter to Lodge of Feb 25th
(copy inclosed). I would like to have
your opinion on this or any suggestion
that would be better -

3 I would advise that we discontinue our
publicity vs. the C.C. & await their further
action - As soon as matters are quiet then
I intend writing the C.C. ^{officially} to return to
me as I do - the application & drawings
- which were filed for permit the Dam as
directed by their Mr. McKim - While we
never officially heard of their ^{either} ~~having~~ ^{rejection}
approval. ~~Our~~ application & drawings, it
appears they have them filed under heading
^{by their correspondence}

Dam # 786 Upper Hudson at Eagle Lake -
I ~~am~~ ^{am} anxious to ascertain what response
they would make to our request for the return
of our appl & drawings. ^{Thus far} I have purposely
~~not~~ ^{refused} ~~contacted~~ demanding the return of these, our
property. Do you advise me to request
them returned to us? ~~Then~~ I am

- awaiting within the next few days, a letter
from a friend of mine who presumably knows
Moore & Fleming of the C.C., whom I requested
confidentially to find out why they took the
stand they did against McKim's decision to us.
Until you hear further from me, do nothing,
not even publish anything further. I will
keep you up on information as I receive it.
With regards to you Mrs. J. Lang ^{truly yours.}

Return your copy as requested

Edmund O. Lutz
Secy Gen
C.C. Hudson