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22 LORING PLACE
SUMTER, S.C.
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Dear Bob,

Thanks for your Thanksgiving Greeting. Feel like a heel for not sending you something - not even a Christmas or birthday present, but I'm hoping that you'll be home soon and that I'll be able to give you something that is useful.

Started to work for Mr. EDWIN Boyle on the 15th in his home office as assistant estimator \$200⁰⁰ per month. Am carried on the payroll of Boyle Const. Co. but it is only one of about a dozen Co's that

over

he operated. Some² of the others
are - Sumter Builders, Sumter Millwork,
Sumter Machinery, Sumter Fertilizers,
Boyle Motor Co., Boyle Hardware,
a large percentage of Real Estate
in Sumter including downtown store
buildings and homes, and thousands
of acres of timber land all over
S.C.. At present he is purchasing
all the timber land he can get
his hands on. I haven't named
all of his businesses for I
don't know them and am learning
of new ones every day. I don't
believe that I could get better
business experience any other
place than here for I am
right in the middle of it by
aiding Mr. Pace in doing the estimates
of all the projects. Pace also

purchases all building materials. Have spent a couple of days, while Pae was out of town, establishing property lines and setting stakes for drainage ditches. Mr. Spott who buys property and investigates odd investments for Boyle helped me. Starting tomorrow I have to work up the take-off of materials needed to build 18 new homes. Hunter has a major housing shortage problem because Shaw Field is the only permanent air base in S.C. The others are all closing and the personnel is being sent here. Boyle is trying to relieve the housing shortage by building all the houses himself and then selling or renting them.

Bob, I find my ^{of} work extremely interesting as well as educational. Think prices are going higher for the next year or two years and after that they'll decline - (just as soon as the present administration leaves office). Will try to make my fortune when they - the market - hits a low and starts up again. Truman and Labor are asking for inflation and I'm certain that they'll get it of course, Truman says he doesn't want inflation but his actions ~~indicate~~ indicate the opposite. Sounds confusing but I think not. The best thing to do at present is to make some safe investments so that the cash will be available

during the depression. Then
invest in Real Estate, start
a company of my own, and
ride up with the next
inflation period. I should
have more experience by then
and be able to be successful.
I may be able to make a little
with the \$3,000 I have now,
but I'm not throwing it into
anything that comes along.

Wish you were here so we
could have a good discussion
on business conditions. Hope
we'll be able to get together
soon -

Love,
Randy