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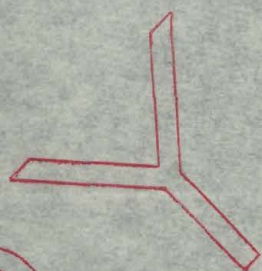
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September 24, 1952

Admiral Ben Moreell, President
Jones and Laughlin Steel Company
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania



Dear Mr. Moreell:

First of all, I want to acknowledge your letter of acceptance to our invitation to participate in a weekend "retreat" on October 10-12. Yesterday I had a talk via telephone with Leonard Read about the subject matter and other details of the conference.

We have asked Leonard to act as a general moderator because he knows you and the other visitors much better than we do and, therefore, can bring you into the discussions much more skillfully. He suggests that we "play this by ear" as much as possible so as to be sure to spend our time on those phases of this question which are of most interest to the group. I want to ask you to plan to spend some time discussing the matter of government interference in collective bargaining and labor relations in general and its relationship to individual liberty. We shall also ask you for your contribution on the subject of company pension plans and social security and the relation of these developments to the individual and his own dignity and self-sufficiency.

I know that you will have another opportunity to talk to Leonard, at least on the way here, so you will learn more about what he has in mind at that time. We are looking forward with real enthusiasm to this weekend because we believe that it is very significant that men from all parts of the country who have thought at all seriously about the moral phases of the problem and the general philosophy underlying individual freedom have accepted our invitation to take this time out of busy schedules. The very few exceptions have been in those cases where previous commitments had been made.

Concerning airport facilities here, the manager of the Davenport airport tells me that their facilities are described in the "Airmen's Guide". Their runway lights operate up to 8:00 p.m., and while this airport has better glide angle, it does not have the facilities for instrument landing that the Moline airport has. At Moline, Braniff Airlines, United and Ozark all operate officially. When you know approximately what time you expect to arrive and where, you can let me know and we will have someone there to meet you, because transportation in from the Davenport airport especially, is very difficult unless arranged for in advance.

Admiral Ben Moreell

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Leonard was pleased to learn, and we hope that you will be too, that this is not to be a dress-up affair in any sense of the word. The facilities are a bit on the rough side and casual, warm clothes will be in order.

You will hear from me again before the time of the meeting.

Cordially yours,

C. W. Anderson
Executive Vice President

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cc: Messrs. Leonard Read and Edmund Qpitz
P. S. If it happens that William Grede has a transportation problem leaving here Sunday, October 12th, would it be possible for him to return as far as Pittsburgh with you?