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Mr. George E. Cryer, Mayor,
City of Los Angeles, Cal.
Los Angeles, Cal.

My Dear Sir:-

- With your permission I am placing before you a matter of very much interest to the Land Owners of Indian Wells Valley, and we believe that it is of considerable interest to the City of Los Angeles. The facts are:-
- 1- By far the majority of the land owners are residents at this time of Los Angeles County, and a very large number of them are property owners in the Cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Pomona.
 - 2- They are the owners of certain filings on waters in the Mono Lake Basin, their filings on these particular waters being the original ones.
 - 3- They contemplate bringing these waters upon about 75,000 acres of land located in Indian Wells Valley and to which they hold title.
 - 4- This would create a new and productive area, supplying many food products required by the City of Los Angeles and in turn afford an additional market for the merchant, manufacturer and distributor in Los Angeles.
 - 5- We propose to the City of Los Angeles, if she is interested in water and power development in this basin, to grant her all power rights in consideration of her bringing the water out of Mono Basin and into Owens River Valley; and further to lease her the use of such surplus water, pending its need by the Land Owners, in consideration of the City of Los Angeles bringing the water from her last power plant to the Cowan and Little Lake basins, using presumably her aqueduct for that purpose.
 - 6- Should the City of Los Angeles not be interested in the power development, then we propose for the right to use this water in the development of power that the Southern Sierras Power Company bring it out of the Mono Basin and into the Owens River Valley, selling us such water as they now own, and then the City of Los Angeles to deliver same to us, by means of her aqueduct, in the Cowan and Little Lake Basins where we shall construct the necessary reservoirs, for which service we pay the City of Los Angeles by leasing to her such waters as the land owners do not need pending the further development of their property. This probably would mean eight to twelve years. (be)
 - 7- We desire that this policy be enunciated to the accepted program of the City of Los Angeles and the Land Owners in one case, or of the City of Los Angeles, the Southern Sierras Power Co. and the Land Owners in the other.
 - 8- It is very desirable that this be determined within the next 60 days to be the agreed upon policy by all parties concerned or if unacceptable, then a better one to be agreed upon within that time. The details to be worked out later.
 - 9- You doubtless know that the soil has been proven to be very productive. We know of no other district producing a larger tonnage of the finest alfalfa hay than is now being grown on the ranch of G. W. Bowman and Sons. This makes possible a rich dairying industry.
- Trusting that may have your favorable consideration, thereby making available to the City of Los Angeles additional waters at relatively no

additional cost, for a period of years pending the development of her larger project; also making possible an increase in her resources by aiding an adjacent productive area.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) E. V. YUNDT,

Chairman of Land Owners Committee.