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COPY FOR MR. AMON CARTER

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Mr. Sam Bothwell  
Mr. I. N. McCrary  
Mr. W. K. Stripling  
Mr. Ed Winton

Gentlemen:

I met with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Tillar, Mr. Allen and Mr. Max Hogg at the Westbrook Hotel at 2:35 P. M., Tuesday, January 14, for the purpose of explaining to Mrs. Tillar and Mr. Bailey the present situation as far as the Site Committee is concerned.

I prefaced my remark with the statement that every member of the Committee was motivated by a sincere desire to do the right thing by the property owner and the municipality; that there was no disposition to indulge in long drawn out haggling over a price and that if they were not in accord with the owners as to what the Bailey and Tillar Property is worth, it was only because of an honest difference of opinion.

I then advised them that the Committee was not unanimous in its opinion and that some of them were still desirous of more fully informing themselves before authorizing a definite offer. I went on to say that, while not all of the members of the Committee were in agreement, nevertheless, I felt that I could get the majority of them to agree to a price of \$250.00 per acre, or possibly a little better than that, but I made it clear that I still had no authorization to make an offer.

Mr. Bailey replied very positively, and apparently for both himself and Mrs. Tillar, that the Committee did not know anything about real estate values; that any talk of \$250.00 per acre was not an offer at all and if it were it would be ridiculous; that they would not take a dollar less than \$400.00 per acre; that the offer of \$400.00 per acre was now open only until twelve o'clock noon, Saturday, January 18; that after that time he could not say what price would be put on the property.

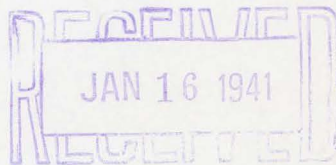
After further discussion, in which I attempted to assure Mr. Bailey of the sincerity of the Committee, the acquaintance of the individual members with real estate values and the desire to have no protracted haggling and horse trading, I thanked them all individually and advised that I would bring Mr. Bailey the Committee's final message before twelve o'clock noon on January 18.

Yours truly

HEM:LMN

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. H. Morse'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'H' and a long, sweeping underline.

H. H. Morse



# OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Mr. Carter:

Date January 16, 1941

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