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Gentlemen:

I have recently returned from a trip, having spent about a month motoring in Southern California. I visited San Diego, finally spending a week at the Casa de Manana in La Jolla which I consider about the loveliest spot on the coast. I have been going there off and on for a number of years and never tire of it.

There is a situation there, however, which I feel that the city would be wise to handle, concerning the little beach in front of the hotel made possible by the break water built several years ago. This beach is not only well placed for the guests of the Casa de Manana, but for the people occupying the cottages and apartments in that neighborhood. I notice that some people come from the interior and spend the day there.

I do not believe that the present arrangement with the colored people bathing there is good for anyone concerned. Before going down to San Diego, I spent a week at the Del Mar Club at Santa Monica. Adjoining the Club beach to the south is a very fine municipal beach for colored people. They enjoy it thoroughly because they do not feel that they are in any way intruding, and that they have a perfect right to the place. The colored people bathing at the little beach at La Jolla do not really enjoy it. From the terrace at the Casa de Manana I have watched them come singly or in twos or threes and look over the wall, apparently to see if any of their own people were on the beach, and if not, they would go away disappointed; they never seemed to have the courage to go down and bath unless they had a comparatively large group. So you see that the arrangement is not only unsatisfactory for the white population, but it is not a happy arrangement for the colored people. Therefore, it would seem to me that the city of San Diego would be very wise and accomplish a real service if it provided a separate beach for the colored people at La Jolla where they could feel perfectly comfortable and at home.

The Casa de Manana is well known all over the country and I believe it has been a real asset to La Jolla and San Diego. I was interested to note how many of the people whom I met at the beach club now either owning or renting houses at La Jolla had originally been guests at the Casa de Manana. That little hotel has been a real factor in building up La Jolla by bringing the class of people who can afford to become permanent residents of that most attractive resort. I have spent about

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nine seasons there and I can think of no more attractive place to retire.

Trusting that you will take this suggestion as it is given, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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