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9th April 1910

Mr Upton Sinclair
Fairhope Ala.
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Dear Mr Sinclair

I am just in receipt of yours of the 24th ultimo in which you suggest that I purchase the J C Mackintosh Bay Front, and sell you a part of it. I have already intimated to you and to everybody else about Fairhope that I am not inclined to invest more money there, for reasons which I have tried to make obvious. Even if I wanted to buy, it would never do for me to get in touch with the sellers. I consider \$13000 an outrageous price for about 220 acres. When I was buying land there, I had some idea of offering \$10,000 for the plot.

If you, on your own account, or somebody else will get the seller down to the last-named price, I would consider trying to influence a number of gentlemen to make a purchase privately, and let you have a little chunk of it on which to place your own home. *but it would have to go in as Colony land -*
This is entirely a private letter to you; please treat it as such, and let me hear from you promptly in the matter.

Yours very truly