(Personal)

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JAMES J. HILL, ESQ.,

Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 10th. is at hand today. I am pleased to anticipate seeing you here shortly, as not only would such an opportunity be valuable for the consideration of the matters referred to in your letter now under acknowledgement, but it will give us an opportunity of going over the whole question of extensions in "joint" territory, about which I wrote you in my letter of May 9th.

I have not lost my interest in the final disposition of the Duluth and Winnipeg Road. This can hardly be said to be "a parallel and competing line" and it seems to me there could be some proper way found whereby the road could be acquired and operated jointly, with construction to meet it held in the same ownership. In view of the improbability of our acquiring the Duluth and Manitoba, this Duluth and Winnipeg line becomes of much more interest to us.

Sincerely yours,

D. Adams.