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Jas. J. Hill, Esq., President
Great Northern Railway Co.,
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My dear Mr. Hill:-

I got back from Europe last Friday afternoon and am glad to say that I have derived considerable benefit from my trip.

Some preliminary discussion has been had about a lease from the St. Paul road by the Northern Pacific of the line of the St. Paul Company between Fargo and Ortonville. What would you think about this; and in the same connection, would you be willing to sell or lease to the Northern Pacific the Great Northern line between Morris and Brown Valley?

Everything seems to be going well.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

C. H. Foster