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My dear Mr Boland:

I have had a little talk with Biener this evening. He was a little discouraged because I had told him he was to receive the same wages up to the time I came - and from that date he was to receive 90¢ per hour - this has not been paid - Him

It is impossible to push the Washington figure to completion with the untrained men we have. Biener has all of Villavobility. Plus power and honesty - and dependability - we could double our progress if we could have two like Biener.

Now I have decided we must keep Biener and keep him happy. If he was working for me I'd be paying him eleven or twelve dollars. I want him to receive a dollar an hour. You may charge me with this

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The difference - the help he is, the ability to understand is worth much more to the work - I shall take him to St Louis Mountain with me next winter - which only means he knows this kind of work - and there are no trained men in this work except such as I have trained.

Please give him this allowance from the dole of our talk - and as I say change the difference to me

Very sincerely
Gusord Rogers

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P.S.

Every thing is in shape in Chicago and Lincoln is on the way back.