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when I first came into the Presidency; and I wish to thank you now, not so much on my own account as on behalf of the people of this country, and especially the colored people, for the high character of the men whom you have suggested.

I look forward to seeing you on April 7th or 8th, as you indicate in your letter to Mr. Loeb. Sincerely yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

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From Allen Allensworth¹

Los Angeles, Calif., June 27, 1908

Dear Sir: I have just read with a great degree of satisfaction a mention of your condolence to Mrs. Cleveland in our behalf. This action I appreciate very much, and I think the great mass of our people will do the same.

I take great pleasure in informing you that I have just completed an organization to be known as the California Colony and Home Promoting Association. The object of this Association is to unite with you in creating favorable sentiment for the race.

One of the chief purposes of this association will be to mold public opinion, favorable to intellectual and industrial liberty. To this end I have secured over nine thousand acres of the richest land in central California, where the Colony will be located, on the main line of the Santa Fe railroad. A town will be established upon the most scientific basis and improved methods of city building.

As it is just as cheap to begin right as wrong, we will commence with the ownership of public utilities. We intend to demonstrate to the world that we can *be* and *do*, thus meeting the expectation of our friends, and to encourage our people to develop the best there is in them under the most favorable conditions of mind and body. This we have in California, as you are aware.

It is my desire to have our streets given names of historical and educational value. In the midst of this city we will have a lake, surrounded by a park, to be named — if you have no objection — “Wash-