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E. P. Carey, Esquire

San Jose

California.

My dear Mr. Carey:

Among the data forwarded to me by Professor Branner relative to the earthquake phenomena of April 18th, 1906, I have a memorandum by yourself.

In reading it over it seems to me that your information is of considerable value, but that in writing it up for the use of the Commission you have generalized too much — if you will pardon the suggestion — and the purpose of this letter is to ask you whether you will not kindly amplify your notes somewhat, so that we may have given in detail the facts that are at your command.

The information about the young woman who was lifted from the ground by the force of the earthquake shock is an important one and we should have explicit information where she was at the time of the disturbance; the house which was wrecked when she was lifted from her feet would probably yield more information than you give us. The throw of the house and other facts with relation to the earthquake rift would be very desirable.

Your further statement that the testimony was practically unanimous that the movement came from the southward and progressed toward the north should, if possible, be substantiated by the detailed

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statement with the evidence. This matter is of importance because we have clear cut evidence from other parts of California that the movement was from the north to the south as regards the time at which it was felt. If it is a fact that in northern California the movement progressed from the south toward the north it is extremely desirable that you should get a statement of the evidence to that effect. I would like very much to have more detailed information regarding the fissure observed in the vicinity of Baden, and would ask you to consider whether it is of the nature of a crack in the alluvial butments which were made in the valley lands of the affected zone and throughout California rather than an earthquake fault.

In your note of landslides you mention two types of landslides, and sight two instances illustrative of these two types. The information is valuable as far as it goes. If I am not troubling you too much I would be greatly pleased to have any detailed note of any and all landslides, in particular of the two which illustrate the types to which you refer, and a more detailed description of the two which you mention would be very welcome.

Yours sincerely