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Dear Dick:

Attached is a brochure on the matter that we discussed today. If you think it is worth pursuing, I would be happy to convey the word that you or your representative will be calling, or to otherwise assist in arranging a meeting with the owners.

By way of further background, I am advised that the craft is owned privately by Mr. Stanton Triester and Mr. Leonard Mercer, both of whom I knew as clients in real estate matters handled by my old law firm in Philadelphia. Len Mercer also presently is the owner of the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel in Fort Lauderdale.

I should also note that the owners did not seek me out with this idea; rather, the thought occurred in a conversation with Bill Timmons regarding Convention facilities. In order to probe the possibility of interest by Mercer and Triester, as well as to resolve the nature of the ownership, I had a third party-mutual friend pose it to them hypothetically. The reported reaction was one of "it would be quite an honor." The use was understood to be on a gratis basis.

After you have had a chance to mull this over, I would be happy to talk with you further if you so desire.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding

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