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Dearest Mildred:

In order to have notes to which we can refer, I am boiling down an estimate from the Gillum Company on the question of tree pruning, etc., at Casa Dorinda.

- ✓ 1.) If the big oak opposite the house entrance is taken out by the roots it will cost \$80.00; or if the large limb is taken from the oak and the oak left in place, the price will be \$21.00. *comb hair*
- X 2.) If the small oak north of the big one is taken out by the roots the cost will be \$20.00.
- ✓ 3.) Pruning, cultivating and feeding the crucial oak at the northwest corner of the house: \$45.00. Cutting this tree to the ground would cost \$25.00.
- ✓ 4.) Pruning, fertilizing and treating the small oak in the old rose garden: \$16.00.
- By Luck +* 5.) Cutting to the ground one nearly dead oak near the garden: \$20.00.
- n 4 +* 6.) Cutting to the ground a big oak on the east side of the garage: \$40.00.
- nautman X* 7.) Cutting to the ground a large oak south of the garage on the driveway: \$56.00.
- n n X* 8.) Cutting to the ground two dead oaks in the east barranca: \$62.00.
- n 12 n X* 9.) Cutting to the ground one dead oak stub on the service drive: \$20.00.
- 10.) Allowance of 12 days' labor for cutting as many large dead branches as possible on the driveway: \$109.20.
- ✓ 11.) Pruning the limb over the garage roof so that there is approximately a foot of clearance: \$4.00.

Gillum, of course, carries the proper insurance on his men as well as public liability and damage insurance. My own suggestion is that you accept the second item of #1 for \$21.00; #3 for \$45.00; #4 for \$16.00; #5 for \$20.00; #6 for \$40.00; #7 for \$56.00, and leave #8 and #9 to be done by Lucking's men, and keep item #10 for 12 days' labor to be discussed later.

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I also asked Gillum to give a price on fertilizing and pruning the lemon trees at the Spring Road. He reports that it will cost approximately \$150.00, of which \$100.00 will be spent in buying bean straw for fertilizing the plants, and the rest of the money is to go in a rough and ready pruning. I do not advise this as the trees seem to me hardly worth this expenditure.

On Schoolhouse Road the little orchard will cost approximately \$75.00 to prune and bean-straw and fertilize its 58 trees. Here again I do not recommend spending this as I think this orchard is not worth it.

Yours as ever -

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