

John
C. John Shallcross

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Dear John:

I was truly sorry that your letter of February 8 arrived at the exact moment I was leaving the office. It was such a wonderful note that I wanted to answer it forthwith, but was already overdue in catching my plane.

It seems specially appropriate, somehow, that the first letter in my briefcase when I returned was the wonderful note from Mr. Salango. This is such fine testimony to the superlative job you have done for us.

I know that you have often heard me say that Columbia is a providentially guided project and that one of our most important blessings was the day you arrived on the scene in an extraordinary coincidence of timing. Step by step since then you have taken over our increasing responsibilities in Howard County with such poise, wisdom, and skill that we will never know all the problems you have prevented and all the fires you have put out before they could really burn. It has been an extraordinary job of effective management and, despite our geographical distance, it is well appreciated by all of us here.

We are lucky to have you with us and delighted that you should be the first buyer of Columbia land.

Hail to our first settler and his family! Best to Val.

Sincerely,

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