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Pittsburgh, Pa.
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Mr. Oscar H. Geiger
211 West 79th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Geiger:

According to a letter from Miss Antoinette Kaufmann, you state that that land value of the United States is at the most only 125 billions, while 100 billions would be more nearly correct.

Please give me a detailed analysis of these figures. As you know, I spend most of my time educating the people, and I therefore wish to have accurate information and data.

What is the source of your ~~information~~ statistics? Do these figures include the exempted land owned by public utilities, churches, schools (other than public) and ~~and~~ eleemosynary institutions?

The late Macaulay, I believe, placed the land value of the United States at 260 billions, if not more than this. I think, however, that he included the intangible rights of public utilities.

Would 7 and a half billions be sufficient to defray the local, state and Federal governments? ^{cost of the}

I should like to take your course in Economics, but I am not in financial position to do so at present.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Rose