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Mr. Robert Clancy
Director of The Henry George Institute
5 East 44th Street
New York, N.Y. 10017.

Dear Bob :

When I wrote to you on Sept. 30th 1980 pointing out that for generations those who completed the Progress & Poverty courses were left high in the air without an explanation as to how the economic rent from the land could be specifically collected. Simultaneously I wrote to Mr. Philip Finkelstein asking the same question. His answer avoided my question but he enclosed an enrollment circular and invited me to enroll.

Enclosed is a copy of my reply of Oct. 3rd 1980 to his letter to me.

From good sources, I learned that about 52 % of the land west of the Mississippi belongs to the Federal Government. 10 % is used for parks, 40 % is leased out on sweetheart contracts for about fifty cents an acre.

This to me presented a real opportunity to try to do something about collecting the economic rent from the land, particularly after I read an article which appeared in the Congressional Record Apr. 15th 1980., by Congressman Henry J. Hyde entitled, "FEDERAL LANDS CURE FOR THE OPEC DISEASE."

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Congressman Hyde dated Nov. 15th 1980 to which he has not replied as yet.

These Government owned lands could present a wonderful approach in our times to try create interest in collecting the economic land rent.

Progress is not created by contented people.

So long for now.

Sincerely,



Benjamin M. Rodman

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"To Care For Them Who Shall Have Borne The Battle."