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San Francisco, June 17, 1910.

John Muir Esq.,  
Martinez, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Muir:—

This will serve as an introduction for Mr. Boynes, whom I spoke to you about some months ago. He is one of the most competent and intelligent men engaged in the work of stenography and typewriting, that I know of. He was Judge Lindley's head stenographer for months and gave eminent satisfaction; he left in order to take a trip to England. He has recently been bookkeeper and stenographer for a mining company in Nevada, which has just been compelled to economize and get along without a stenographer. I have sent him up to you in the hope that you can make some adjustment with him whereby he can help you in your work at Martinez. He has been accustomed to a salary of \$125.00 a month, but I think you could make an arrangement with him on a basis of \$100 a month and board. He would help you in the matter of preparing breakfast and luncheon at your home, and could go over with you to Mr. Hanna's for dinner, perhaps. I do not think you will have any difficulty with misspelled words and punctuation with Mr. Boynes, and that he will enable you to turn out a great amount of work. At any rate, if it is at all possible, you might try him for a while. He had been intending to go to Santa Barbara, but upon my suggesting the possibility of your employing him, decided to go up and see you, which was also a suggestion on my part.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm E Colby*

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