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Dear

Did you receive my four page letter of February 7, 1973?  
I have not heard anything from you directly although I have had  
a letter from Geoff dated February 24 in which he mentions that  
you had written to him.

I mention at the end of my letter of February 7 that if there was  
any other information you want, do not hesitate to ask.

The offer contained in my letter of February 7 still remains open.  
Since then the City of Adelaide Development Plan has progressed  
very well indeed. The office is now staffed with nine people full  
time and I go over there every second week for several days.  
The Sydney City Council has in fact formally commissioned us  
to review and revise the 1971 Strategic Plan with a budget of  
\$60,000. It has also commissioned \$200,000 worth of action  
planning so that the total fee from this work is greater than I had  
indicated previously. Clarke Gazzard Voorhees is going from  
strength to strength and new commissions are flowing in every  
week, particularly from Commonwealth and State Government  
Authorities.

Darrel and Neil have set up a little independent practice. They  
got impatient waiting for me to either die or retire, or to nominate  
one of them my deputy or successor. They wanted more power and  
responsibility within the firm. This I was going to give to them  
during 1973 but they made their move during January.

We have replaced them with new staff whose abilities are either  
equal to or greater than those who left. We now have two urban  
designers who are both highly creative as well as being much more  
practical than Darrel is capable of being. We have lost no clients  
and the office is running better than ever. As of course it did after  
Ron Devine, Carleen Bennett and Ian Breden left. There are now  
a very large number indeed of very small two or three men firms

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competing in a fairly cut throat way for the fringes of the urban planning market in Sydney. Ron, Ian and Carleen are still pottering about in a small way. Their Woolloomooloo scheme has been destroyed by the cumulative effects of more and more people and authorities agreeing with the conclusions reached by the 1971 Sydney Strategic Plan with regard to the future of Woolloomooloo.

We continue to have more than 50% of the total market in Sydney and continue to be the only national firm. UDPA is doing reasonably well in the restricted Melbourne market, but mainly depend upon large university and advance education college planning work derived from Bates Smart and McCutcheon. In each city there are now several smaller firms with some market share, but nevertheless, ~~the~~ USC continues to go from strength to strength.

We now wish to settle the issue of further shares in USC before the end of April so we would be glad to hear from you in response to the offer contained in my letter of February 7. In case the original ~~went~~ astray, I enclose a copy of the original letter.

In view of the successive devaluations of the American Dollar the Australian Dollar is now worth \$US1.42. \$A17,500 is now worth something like \$US25,000.

You will also be pleased to hear that under the new Labor Government urban planning and research is now very much the dominant subject of concern in this country. The Federal Government is now handing out consultants contracts on a scale which hitherto would have been unbelievable. As I indicated to you CGV is getting a fair share of these jobs. The others are going to engineering firms such as Cameron MacNamara in Brisbane, Pak Poy in Adelaide and Maunsells as well as Kinniard, Hill, De Rohan and Young.

The new Federal Government has also pretty well abandoned all forms of censorship so we will be seeing the completely uncut versions of films like "Last Tango in Paris", etc., in future.

Yours sincerely



George Clarke