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Town Hall  
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Dear Mr. Luscombe:

Perhaps no one else in this City would be more directly interested than yourself in the U.S. technique of City Council long-term Capital Improvement Programs. I am therefore taking the liberty of passing on to you a copy of a paper on this subject, which describes in detail how the City of Philadelphia works out its capital budgets.

I would very much like to know what you think about this technique. Would it be worthwhile trying to introduce it in Australia? Would you like to see a similar system operating in the City of Sydney? Or do you think it unnecessary or undesirable? The political possibilities of its introduction are, of course, quite another kettle of fish.

The questions outlined above have been nagging me for some time now, and I would very much like to hear your views, if you can find time to study the paper.

In the meantime, my colleagues and myself would be delighted if you would accept an invitation to the "housewarming" of our new, and first, office in the City of Sydney. Our formal invitation is enclosed. We do hope that you might drop in on us during the evening.

Sincerely yours

George Clarke

Enclosures

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