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C.H. Coster to James J. Hill.

States that the acquisition of the St. Paul and Duluth Road by parties closely allied to the Great Northern Road was a disagreeable surprise. Feels that this action was inconsistent with the conversation he had with Hill in August. Refers to Hill's letter of July 28, 1898. Does Not "see how, under any circumstances short of a desire openly to attack the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern could build

any line into the Paí )e or Snake River Country against the Northern Pacific ?"

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