"You have probably heard of the Federal Steel

Robert Bacon to J.J.Hill

Co. accombination of the Minnesota Iron & Illinois Steel? We formed a syndicate to underwrite & supply the cash for new quick capital &c This syndicate was necessarily divided up very small & I personally had it to do. Many of our friends have participation & from the first when you were out west. I reserved a small one for you of \$100,000. I have been expecting to see you again to speak about it. ... The cash commitment is now limited to about 1/3 of the amount & at todays prices there is some little profit business. Should you wish it, the cash payment is called for next Tuesday the 18th..

JJH Correspondence by Date

Rederal Steel Company October 12, 1898
Robert Baker