D. Willis James to J.J.Hill.

Regrets that he will be unable to accept Hill's invitation to go over the entire Great Northern Road with Hill. Kennedy. Thorne, George Baker and Cannon. Because of Dodge's absence in Europe, it is necessary for James to "keep near the base of supplies," States he will "be most glad to join in the development of the great iron industry of the State of Washington to which bu refer or in any other enterprise which will lead to the

future prosperity of our dear old Road." Feels that the Foss 1 Extension is very important and valuable.

General correspondence by date.