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Dear Don:

It was a real treat to see your golf course in the making. It's quite a fine layout, and it is going to be a very good test of golf. I believe an outstanding job was done in design over this interesting terrain. It was a pleasure to tour the layout with you, Joe, Larry and Vinnie.

First, I believe it important to defer opening any part of the course for play until Memorial Day in 1974 or thereabouts...possibly earlier in May. Your turf is coming nicely but it will not take traffic well -- scars and injury will result that will set it back if played sooner.

We believe these things to be important from here on in:

- (1) Mow the grasses on an accelerated schedule -- greens especially.
- (2) Fertilize greens and collars at the rate of 1/2 pound per 1,000 square feet every three weeks or so until the end of September.
- (3) Fertilize tees on the same schedule as greens.
- (4) Fertilize fairways in mid-August and mid-September at the rate of 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Use a complete fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 10-5-5 or 10-6-4 for each application. In mid-December (or January) if no snow, apply another pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet -- this could be straight urea or ammonium nitrate. This dormant feeding on your bluegrass fairways would be of great value. This would take the place of spring fertilizing which will not be necessary if the December application is made.
- (5) Take soil samples from all greens, tees and fairways and have a chemical analysis made. Fertilizer companies may do this free of charge for you.

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- (6) Consult a hydraulic engineer regarding the problem of water use from the large pond -- and how best to get it to the pumping station.

This fall and next spring -- mow the course (all areas) on a suitable schedule -- almost on the same schedule that you would initiate if you had play. A better turf will result from a good mowing schedule.

I believe these are the important points we discussed. Best wishes and good luck with weather the rest of the season. If we can be of help with questions as they arise, please call on us.

Sincerely,



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