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CORRESPONDENCE.

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"We unhesitatingly state that the Binghamton Jail is first-class in every way, and could not be escaped from with proper administration, and we are ready, at any time, to meet a representative of the City of Baltimore at Binghamton and thoroughly investigate this matter from start to finish."

In substantiation of the general excellence of the steel work of the Van Dorn Company, we also enclose copies of numerous letters of commendation which, from time to time, have been given to our client, and which you may find of interest at the present time.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Gans & Heman.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - IMPROVEMENTS.
CITY HALL.
SUB-DEPARTMENT OFFICE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.

Baltimore, July 26, 1909.

Edgar Allan Poe, Esq.,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

As shown you, the bids for steel cell work at the Baltimore City Jail, to the general contractor, were:-

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Van Dorn,	\$53,500.00
Pauley,	53,000.00
Stewart,	\$52,450.00
	2,600.00
	\$55,050.00

Referring to your inquiry as to why the bid of the Van Dorn Company in their first bid was \$43,880.00, and in the last bid which they got the contract was \$53,570.00, would say that the architect has made differences in the last construction, from the first, as follows:

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In the first bid the galleries were formed of concrete and in the last bid they were of steel with granitoid floors, thus adding to the cost of steel bid of sub-contractor.