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Sir;-

The following is a report to accompany topographical sheets No's 2361 & 2362

The territory covered by these sheets includes Lake Maurepas, Pass Manchac, and a strip of country from two to four miles wide, bordering these bodies of water.

The country shown is low and covered almost entirely by a cypress swamp. This swamp is often entirely flooded during high waters.

The vegetation is composed almost entirely of the woods natural to cypress swamps, mostly deciduous, with considerable underbrush.

There are no towns or settlements

of any consequence in this region, - nearly all houses shown being occupied by fishermen or hunters.

The main line of the L.C.R.R. is represented on both sheets. There are five stations on this rail road, in the territory covered by these sheets, where trains stop occasionally, - the principal stations, however, being Ruddock and Manchac, which have station agents. Ruddock is included in the survey of Lake Pontchartrain. Manchac is located on the north side of Pass Manchac and has a post office called Akers. Manchac is an express, freight, and telegraphic station.

The only means of communication outside of the L.C.R.R. is by water. The various rivers shown on these sheets are all navigable far beyond the limits of the sheets, and have quite deep water after one crossing the bars in the lake near their mouths. The only line of steamers in this section is a small steamer running from Manchac for points up the Amite River and a

Larger steamer, occasionally running from New Orleans to points up the Amite River. The smaller steamer makes a round trip twice a week. The greater part of the traffic in this region is the transportation of lumber, wood, and agricultural produce, from up the rivers, by means of small schooners.

Very respectfully submitted.

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