

Rochester

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

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Dr. E. R. L. Gould,
New York City,

Dear Dr. Gould:-

Mr. Cunningham rang me up yesterday and said the Committee was going to have another meeting today and that he would like to see me, so on my way down town I went in to see him in the afternoon. He said he did not think he could get through the Committee an amendment to the ordinance doing away with the fire escapes and asked what my objections were to building them. I stated the two objections I had, the additional cost for rent which would be saddled upon the tenants and the additional difficulty it would cause in keeping the place tidy. He said the Committee was willing to amend the ordinance as to the cubical contents so it would fit this building. I said: "This means that you are going to do away with the double standard?" And he said: "No, we are not. We are going to reduce the bedroom area to 350 cubic ft. per person." I told him that I did not think I would stand for this because it would make it appear that I was trying to reduce the standard. He tried to get me to express some opinion as to what they should do and I told him it was up to them. He said: "You are throwing the responsibility upon us" and I replied: "Yes, that is where it belongs. I have offered to build these buildings as proposed and should not care to take the responsibility of building them in accordance with the present law."

Yours very truly,

G. Eastman