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New York, Feb. 14 - The attached telegram from Richard Roth of Emery Roth and Sons on the salient points with regard to the structural design of The World Trade Center towers authoritatively refutes the false allegations of "real estate figures" published in THE NEW YORK TIMES today.

The story's implication that business and civic groups will oppose the project is without foundation in fact. Among the important New York groups that already have expressed their support are: the New York Chamber of Commerce, the Commerce and Industry Association of New York, the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association, the West Side Association of Commerce, the Thirty Fourth Street-Midtown Association, the Regional Plan Association, and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

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With respect to the incorrect reference to taxes in the same story, the Port Authority in its press release (page 3) of January 20, making public The World Trade Center plans, stated:

"Under agreements worked out between the City of New York and the Port Authority in 1962, before the passage of the bi-state legislation authorizing the Trade Center, the Port Authority will pay to the City in lieu of real estate taxes on the site the full amount of taxes received when the property was privately owned. Additional annual payments, equivalent to full taxes, will apply to office areas occupied by private tenants associated with world trade."

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