

3rd March 1958
General Delivery
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Schuyler:

Your letter of the 19th December 1957 arrived here some time ago. This is the most sensible thing I've received from you in a long time. I heartily agree with your comments about berating. No one likes to be subjected to such. However it rather amuses me, as you have been so free and lavish with this form of abuse. However, don't worry; I don't conduct my affairs in this fashion.

I also note that you want me to respect your wishes. This also is a rather poor thing coming from you who have flouted my wishes practically to the point of defiance. However, again, don't worry. I have no desire to create any unnecessary incidents.

Now I wish to call your attention once again to the fact that you received the full and free use of our mutual property at 312 W. Seminary Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois for a period of nine years. The last time I mentioned this; all I received was a snarl that I was "mean and vindictive". Unfortunately, it will not be possible to dispose of me this easily.

You well know that it would have cost you a minimum of one hundred dollars per month to rent such an establishment at that date and time. I wish to point out that quite the contrary from being "mean and vindictive", I was most cooperative, easy going and philanthropic. Furthermore, in good measure, Jean had a roof over her head because of my kindness and good nature. Read this to her and make sure she understands.

It is now quite clear that my aid and assistance were in no way appreciated. Consequently, I believe it only reasonable that I should be properly reimbursed. I hereby request, as evidence of good faith, a down payment now of one thousand dollars from you to me with equal sums to be paid annually until the debt is removed. In this way I will have something concrete for services rendered and you will regain your own dignity as provider for your own family.

Grote Reber