

8th April 1957
G.P.O., Hobart
Tasmania, Australia

Mr. B. E. Rathje
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Dear Bert:

Thank you for your letters of the 4th and 13th of March plus the enclosures.

The transaction on Seminary Avenue turned out quite well. It is unfortunate that so much steam was generated in certain quarters. However, I've found that, with the elapse of time, the pressure always goes down. In view of the demands of others, I consider your fee a very moderate one. Thank you for handling the situation with such accumen.

A few days after sending my letter of the 5th of March, the check from the Gary Wheaton Bank showed up. I endorsed it over to Hahn and sent it on its way. Along with the check was a bill for my bank box rent. Judging from the address, this bill was sent to Louisville and had been returned to Wheaton. I left a small sum of money with my brother to take care of such matters. Unfortunately, it seems that these funds have been disapated or appropriated; in either case, no accounting has been made to me. Please tell Engstrom that I'll pay the bill out of Chicago, next time I write there and thank him for the dividend check.

Enclosed are a couple of fotos of my Holden car. In my estimation it is the kind of car which should be made in America. I'd bring one back with me, except no left hand drive model are made. A while ago I had my carburetor overhauled because I'd splashed water and dirt into it when driving in muddy fields. It cost me the equivalent of 12 dollars. I agree that the fee they charged you for the salt was excessive. It seems like you could have bought at least three new carburetors for that sum.

I expect to fold up here in a dew months and will return to America via boat with a stop to see how things are in Hawaii.

Enclosed is a story, which told by a child, I think is rich. Unfortunately, it is not too much of an exageration in respect to one of my farmers at times.

Best regards,

Grote Reber