

13th June 1956  
G.P.O., Hobart  
Tasmania, Australia

Dear Schuyler:

Many thanks for your very informative letter of the 2nd. It made good time as the post mark is the 4th and it arrived on the 11th here.

That is a pretty swanky new address you have. I hope the view is commensurate, that a big yard is included and that you will send me a foto of the place. How far do Andy and Jeff have to go for school and does Jean need a second car to go shopping?

It certainly is unfortunate about her ear. I wonder if being in bed is exhaustion due to overwork caused by moving or if there is something the matter with the balance tubes such that they do not function properly. In the latter case, I presume that she feels dizzy when on her feet. However, I expect that by the time this letter arrives she will again be in fine fettle.

The business about 212 W. Seminary is quite surprising in a couple of ways. First, I'm surprised you didn't mention to me the protracted negotiations in progress when I was there last winter. Second, I'm even more surprised at the price IBT is willing to pay. A green one dollar bill is  $2 \frac{5}{8}$ " wide and  $6 \frac{3}{16}$ " long, giving an area of 0.113 sq.ft. The plot in question has an area of about 6000 sq.ft. Thus it seems that IBT is willing to paper over half the plot solid with dollar bills or conversely is willing to put a green five dollar bill at the center of every square foot. To my way of thinking this is absurd and if it is a sample of the way IBT operates, no wonder the price of telephone service is high. I'm probably out of step with the times but my guess is the price must be at least three times what the property is worth. In any case, have Bert send down the papers and I'll sign them. The inflation really roars on. Long live Eisenhower!

The matter of the house and garage is more nebulous. I have always felt rather pleasantly toward that place and it is possible that sometime I might want to come back to Wheaton and live in it again. If some nice place out in the open ~~of~~ country northwest of town, say west of Gary Avenue can be found and the house and garage moved there, then I would probably be interested in having the whole affair done in my name. However if it proposed to move them south of Wesley St. near the railway tracks, then I wouldn't be interested. Again it is unfortunate that you didn't discuss this with me when I was in Wheaton. For the time being, I prefer to reserve judgment on the matter pending further developments and additional information.

In a previous letter I inquired about two copper hemispheres and one aluminum cylinder which were above the door in

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Things have gone much slower than expected here and I knew they would. It has rained and rained and rained. Many places have had far more than the annual rainfall already with the end not in sight. Needless to say, this had delayed my work considerably so that my return in early October is now doubtful. If the house can be moved to suitable place this summer, I might like to move back there next autumn when I finish up here. What does it seem the price of moving and cost of a lot will be ???

When Jean has a chance, have her take some pictures of your new house and send them to me here. Also tell me about your new job and what you do and where you go.

Best regards,

Grote Reber