

14th June 1956

Dear Schuyler:

After writing to you yesterday and looking over a couple of your earlier letters, I now find there are some other items which I would like to have information upon before I wish to approve any of these transactions.

You mentioned sending a rocker to Hahns. This is probably OK but I don't seem to remember about it. Please give me a description and tell me where it used to be so that I can identify it.

I presume my dresser, mirror and desk went into storage but you might confirm this. I hope the loose drawer handle on desk was affixed or else placed inside. There was also a small metal chair with bright colored seat I used with the desk. I'd like to have it sent to Hahns.

No mention was made about the table in the living room. If you recall, when we got rid of a lot of things during the winter of 1945&6 this particular table I held out because I wanted to keep it and you thought you could use it for a while. I'd like to know what happened to this particular table.

In the attic behind the chimney was a good glass front china cupboard. In front of the chimney was a large glass front book case containing a set of the Century Dictionary and some other books. Both of these items were put up there because there was no longer a suitable place for them down stairs when yours came.

Please let me know about them. I would like to recover them and the living room table if they haven't passed out of your hands already. If so, I'd like them returned by whoever got them.

There was also a good extension dining room table and set of matching chairs which I can't seem to remember what happened to. Please let me know their whereabouts or what happened to them. I feel they were probably also put in the attic when you brought your dining room set. I remember the table and chairs weren't sold eleven years ago because we had some difference of opinion then, when you tried to sell them and I decided to keep them.

Among the boxes in the attic was a black tin one containing a lot of old fotos etc. Last winter I noticed that it was locked. Please let me know its whereabouts and the key.

It is unfortunate that all these matters come up at a rather late date. However I had no idea you would take off for Louisville in such a rush; particularly since you expected to have the children finish school in Wheaton. Likewise I had no opportunity to discuss any of these things with you last winter due to competition from television. Also you indicated that there was no urgency at that time.

It is my feeling that perhaps it is best to put the whole affair on ice until I get back next autumn. If the IBT has waited a couple of years as you indicate, then a few more months will not inconvenience them appreciably.

I realize that this letter will be a disappointment to you. However you have lived in the place rent free for nine years and two of those years I even paid the taxes. Also the house has been allowed to run down to our mutual disadvantage. Presently I don't wish to make any decision until I am better satisfied about the proposed disposition of the house, garage and above items or until I can return and see matters myself first hand. Circumstances being what they are, I believe this is not an undue request on my part.

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Please let me hear from you about all the above at your earliest convenience. Don't forget the copper hemispheres and the aluminum cylinder.

I have not sent copies of either of these letters to Bert as it seemed best to let you handle the matter with him as gracefully as you can. As far as IBT is concerned, you can merely tell them that you haven't been able to get your ducks in order with me yet and that there will be a bit of a delay.

Grote Reber

I presume my dresser, mirror and desk went into storage but you might confirm this. I hope the loose drawer handle on desk was affixed or else placed inside. There was also a small metal chair with bright colored seat I used with the desk. I'd like to have it sent to Hanna.

No mention was made about the table in the living room. If you recall, when we got rid of a lot of things during the winter of 1954 this particular table I held out because I wanted to keep it and you thought you could use it for a while. I'd like to know what happened to this particular table.

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