

1335 East Crestwood
Memphis, Tennessee
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Dear Grote:

Your letter of October 21st arrived while I was out on the west coast; and since that time I have done a lot of traveling here and there, and this is the first time I have found it convenient to respond.

In the future I would appreciate it if you would desist insofar as the registered provisions of your letters to me are concerned. That feature is entirely unnecessary and it is of considerable inconvenience to me. We are not just around the corner from the post office as we were in Wheaton, and since I am seldom at home when the mail is delivered -- if, indeed, I am in town at all -- it means that I must get in the car and drive some distance to the post office in order to claim the letter. I assure you that no one here will withhold your letter from me and it is just as safe here at home on my desk as it is waiting in the post office -- and a lot more convenient for me.

Here is the situation with respect to the stock certificates: They were originally sent from San Francisco on June 14, 1956, addressed to you at Wheaton. You will recall that at that time we were living in Louisville, and the following week the letter found its way there. (The enclosed envelope will indicate that it was NOT registered or insured, but came thru regular mail). Because of their unusual value and importance to you, I put the certificates in our safe deposit box for safekeeping rather than to re-address them to you out in the Pacific. Subsequently, in my letter of July 9 of that year, I wrote you that I no longer wished to be responsible for any of your mail and requested that you make other arrangements. We then sent you a package of mail which had accumulated over several months. Even tho you were being very difficult to get along with at that time, I still had your best interests at heart and felt it best to keep the certificates in safe storage rather than to chance their being lost in the mail.

Now that you are in the states again, I am glad to be relieved of the responsibility of keeping your papers and enclose them herewith. I notice that your letter thanks me for keeping them for you, and I appreciate your thanks; this is a refreshing change from your accusations and suspicions of recent years.

Nevertheless, in order to protect myself from any future doubts or suspicions, I am sending the certificates by registered mail - even though Standard Oil did not think it necessary to do so in 1956. Return of the receipt for this registered letter will provide me with proof of delivery of the following stock certificates to you:

Standard Oil Company of California:

42 shares. # S F C A 94457, dated May 21, 1956
100 shares. # S F D A 44005, dated May 21, 1956
100 shares. # S F D A 44006, dated May 21, 1956

Your letter also mentions the possibility of your making a trip to Memphis to see me sometime during the next few months. I am sorry to say that I do not think such a trip would be wise. I am perfectly willing to sit down with you and discuss the many things which are on both our minds, and when such a meeting occurs I certainly hope that the discussion can be objective and without rancor. For my part, I intend that it shall be so. But I do not see any point in your coming all the way to Memphis; because much as I hate to have to say this, Grote, I have decided that you are not welcome in my home. And I say this now, realizing full well that the holiday

season is coming up soon and that, in the past, whenever you have been in the states you have spent the holiday season with us.

Under these circumstances your presence in Memphis could only prove unpleasant for all of us, and might well become the concern of the children who, up to now, have been completely unaware of the differences you and I have had in recent years. Since I feel very strongly on this point, I hope that you will respect my wishes in the matter and that we can arrange to get together somewhere other than in Memphis.

From time to time I make trips to the east coast -- New York, Philadelphia and even Washington. Matter of fact, I shall be in New York for a few days this coming week, but will be busy the whole time. Whenever I know of a trip east during the next few months, I'll be glad to let you know and we can try to work out a time and place convenient for both of us. I do believe that a personal chat will do both of us a lot of good, and I hope that we can arrange it sometime after the first of the year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Schuyler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.