

September 23rd, 1954
Wailuku, Maui, T.H.

Dear Schuyler:

Enclosed is the power of attorney all signed. This is much better than me trying to write one as you know best what you want to do and furthermore I had no description of the property. I read it over quite carefully and there is nothing in it about you removing the house for your own use without selling it. Thus it appears that you will have to sell it to yourself. You can fix this up with Woodward. I presume that you still are thinking about moving the house up to the northwest part of town. If it can be done, this is the best idea as I feel quite pleasantly toward that house and wouldn't want to have it torn down.

The situation out here is about normal, namely I'm trying to do too much. When this Australian venture is finished I think I'm going to retire. At one time I thought I'd make some more measurements here in Hawaii. However the results are not commensurate with the effort. I doubt that the level of general intelligence here exceeds that of Mississippi. The result is that I have to look at and examine every minute item. For instance, I couldn't get any boxes made to ship my apparatus without making up complete drawings and having long discussions about what they are to be made of and how. Three years of this kind of trivia makes me very weary. If, for any reason, the military decided that the Islands were of small value in a new strategy and quit spending large sums here the whole place would collapse.

I'd hoped to have all my apparatus in working order when it is packed. This is going to be impossible because some of the things I've ordered are still on the way. Thus I will have quite a bit of tinkering to do in Hobart. The Orion leaves Honolulu on Sunday the 17th of October. I plan to go over to Honolulu on Wednesday the 13th.

The box arrived here in good shape. Thanks. It is too late to send anything else so hold whatever mail comes until you hear from me in Hobart. Also please write to me once more before I leave so that I will be reassured that everything is alright with you and yours.

Best regards,