

28th June 1956
G.P.O., Hobart
Tasmania, Australia

Dear Schuyler:

Many thanks for your informative letter of the 19th which arrived here a couple of days ago. Apparently a considerable part of this matter was some rather hectic last minute decisions. If for no other reason, I think it will be well to consider negotiations in a more leisurely fashion.

My own future is rather nebulous without any definite plans, once the job is finished here. For want of something better, I would prefer to move back to Wheaton and occupy that same house once again. However time passes, and it is not now in a suitable residential location.

Comparing your two letters is rather amusing. It seems that the house is worth 1000 dollars to you on a buying basis but 3500 dollars on a selling basis. The discrepancy appears to be a hypothetical profit to be realized at some indefinite date in the future. Already you have profited handsomely over the past several years by the use of it, part of its contents and the convenient location. I gather that in its existing location and run down condition the place has quite small present value. Now that you no longer have any need of it; why don't you offer to give me the house and garage as a gesture of good will? Perhaps my good will isn't worth anything. However the case may be, I still favor getting on with this matter if possible.

Please have somebody send to me a map showing where the lots are out on Gary Avenue and Jewel Road, their size, elevation, slope, whether wooded or not, available drainage, gravel or dirt or pavement if any, prices, etc. I am reasonably familiar with the district and can probably make a suitable choice. I wouldn't want a lot which was directly on Gary Avenue but rather one a block or two away on a side street. For the price you mention these lots must be quite large, such as 1/4 acre or more. I'd prefer one on the west side of Gary Avenue away from the complex surrounding the Park. Perhaps some good land is available along Jewel Road. It is a pity that I could not get much of your attention when I was in Wheaton last winter to find out what was going on then. It would have been possible for me to make an on the spot study. However with a map and some advice I still can probably select a suitable place.

I'm glad to hear that Hahn picked up the rest of my scientific equipment which was on the rafters of the garage. The gas burner is OK too, altho I can't seem to remember it.

So far the papers Bert is sending have not arrived. When they do, I will keep them safely until we get some of these other matters organized.

