

1335 East Crestwood Drive  
Memphis 17, Tenn.  
June 16, 1959

Dear Grote:

This is in reply to your letter of May 25th.

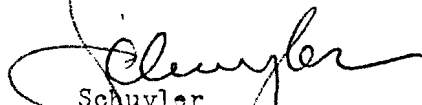
Very honestly, I am weary of this entire matter ..... weary of your accusations, your insults to myself and to my wife, your demands that I do thus and so "or else". If you will refer back to my letter of December 3, 1958, you will see clearly stated my intention that you should have your share of the silver and photographs. At that time I told you that when I could get around to it, I would check thru the items of silverware stored in our attic. Perhaps I have been slow to do this - but I was not aware that you were in any great rush to have the matter accomplished. My life is busy, with my work and my family, and I have had many other items to fill my time other than to sort thru the silver and the photographs in order to hastily satisfy your whim.

All the silver and all the photographs which were in the Wheaton house are here .... intact. I have no intention, nor have I ever had, of absconding with them or of depriving you of your interest in them. I cannot understand why you refuse to believe that fact; why you have apparently been torturing yourself with delusions of persecution .... allowing your mind to play such tricks with you that you would sink so low as to imply that Jean has EVER attempted to keep your letters from me.

Now, to your most recent "order". No - I shall not send the boxes to you. This would accomplish nothing. The obvious solution is for you and me to get together - with the silver and the photographs - and make a reasonable division among us. Since the boxes are here in Memphis - and since they are heavy and cumbersome to carry as "hand luggage" - it would be my suggestion that you do as you announced you would do some six months ago ..... come over to Memphis and meet me at your hotel, to which spot I will bring the items in question. We can then discuss whatever we have to discuss face to face, and then go our separate ways.

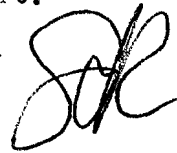
My travel schedule for the next few weeks is heavy; also, we will soon get to planning a summer vacation trip for the family. Therefore, will you please let me know when it might be convenient for you to come to Memphis, and allow me sufficient notice so that I can arrange to be in town with some degree of certainty.

Your threat of a lawsuit does not concern me ..... if you wish to incur the financial obligation which would be placed upon you, and if you would gain some perverse pleasure in inflicting still more insult upon me, then that is certainly your privilege. Let me know if you decide to come over to Memphis and we'll try to work out a time convenient for both you and me.

  
Schuyler

P.S. Again may I state: Please do not write to me at my office; I happened to be there when this last letter arrived, but in the future I shall refuse

to accept any letters from you addressed to my office, and shall inform my office of that fact. My home address appears at the top of this letter .... communicate with me there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and lines, positioned to the right of the main text block.