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Mr. W. C. Simons,  
722 Massachusetts Street,  
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Dear W. C.:

I have your letter of January 19 at hand. I wish you would return Mr. Turner's letter to me so that I can reply to him and complete my file.

Last spring when we were negotiating on this place, I authorized Mr. Ralph McCready to occupy the place and look after it and we would settle with him for the rent later. I do not recall how much he was to pay but it was a small amount.

As to the claim you mention against Dr. A. S. Gowdy, I believe you have the wrong claim in mind. The claim referred to in Mr. Turner's letter is the claim against Etoile B. Simons estate. Dr. Gowdy had transferred this property to Etoile before his death. We therefore by-passed his estate and treated the property as belonging to her. So far as the property is concerned, we do not recognize Dr. Gowdy's ownership.

The claim you filed was for \$104.53, balance to the Rumsey Funeral Home, and \$525.00 for advancements of \$25.00 per month beginning April 1, 1941, and ending December 31, 1942. What Mr. Turner wishes to know is whether or not this claim is agreeable to all of the heirs, and if it is not there should be a hearing held on the claim and the Court formerly make allowance of the same. I presume it would be necessary to contact the parties interested about the claim so as to determine it, unless you decide to go ahead with a hearing.

I would like to have Julia Blackhurst's street address.

We are all well now. Janet had a rather serious cold but is now in good shape. We received the grades of the children for the first semester and Mary Beth had the distinction of having all A's in her studies. Mickey had all A's except in two courses and received B's in those. One of these B's was received in a minor course that does not amount to very much. We are naturally well pleased with these grades as the children do not spend a great deal of time studying or being book-worms.

I was very glad that Dolph went to Kansas City and had an opportunity to meet Governor Bricker of Ohio. He has a very impressive record in Ohio and has shown the intestinal fortitude to stand for what is right against great odds. His record on the Cleveland relief situation is very convincing.