

June 6, 1946

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Dear Mac:

I am enclosing two letters, one to the Nortz Lumber Company, Devil's Lake, North Dakota, and the other to Miss Lillian Gowdy, then in Eitel Hospital but now at her home 3751 Aldrich Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Altho we sent the letter to Nortz Lumber Company by registered mail, we have not heard from them. My letter to Lillian Gowdy, whom you will recall is my cousin, now in her late seventies or eighty years old, explains about the report that I received from Dun and Bradstreet.

Upon our return yesterday afternoon from Tulsa, where we had been visiting Blanche, Pat and family, I found two letters, one dictated by Lillian to her housekeeper, Mrs. Olsen, and the other a short note from Mrs. Olsen. Lillian is probably in a critical condition. She broke her hip, perhaps a month ago, and she has been very frail for a long while, being badly afflicted with arthritis. She needs money to pay her hospital bill and she does not believe she will recover.

You will see that in my letter of May 27, I suggested that she place the account in the hands of her attorney, or if it was her wish, I would give the account to you for collection. The letters received yesterday put a different face on the matter.

The investment was in the common stock of the Nortz Lumber Company, or its founders, and dividends rather than interest were paid up to ten years ago. Under the circumstances, the company probably should be required to show what had been done with its earnings and what is the present value of the stock certificates with any unpaid dividends that may have been declared. You will understand the situation and what to do far better than any suggestions I might make.

We are expecting Janet in this afternoon and shall be very happy to see her and Mike. In the near future, we are hoping to inflict our presence upon you for a short while. Please have the fatted calf in good shape.

I know you will handle this matter promptly, because that is your way of doing things.

Love,

Your father

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Enc.