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Albert
My dear Marshall:

So many thanks for your splendid letter of the 16th of May.

I got back from Europe on the 26th, and have been frightfully busy with my writing contracts ever since. There is nothing I would rather do than be in a position to buy the Desert Inn, but of course the figure you quote is entirely out of the question, and my reserve has been practically cut to the bone in my absence, due to bank failures, and especially the Harriman Bank, where I had been banking for more than ten years. It is practically useless to sue them because I don't think they have anything, particularly since it looks as if Mr. Harriman and others may have to go to the penitentiary. I am therefore more or less economizing for the summer, living with my parents here and continuing my writings.

As you know, if I ever were in a position to buy the Desert Inn, I probably would knock down one or two shacks around it and turn it into purely a home, where I would spend as much time as possible during the year, and in my absence either sub-lease or have a caretaker look after things for me. It has always of course been my ambition to live at Pyramid Lake, and perhaps at some later date if things get better -- and they really do look better -- then I might be able to talk turkey with you. I don't think just a cabin or just a lot on your property would interest me however. If I had anything at all I'd like to have the whole thing, and unless I were very broke I wouldn't want to take in boarders, because the place is too darn attractive and would make a much better personal home than anything else. However if you do have a chance of selling it to anyone who can put up the cash you need, I do wish you a lot of luck in it.

J. B. as you probably know has become engaged to a very attractive Englishwoman and they will probably reach Reno about the middle of July. They did not return with me, but are still on the Continent. I wrote them about the place, and as I know J. B. likes it just as much as I do there is just a possibility that in the fall if all goes well with them, as I think it will, they too might be in a position to purchase it from you.

Well, old top, I hope this finds you in good health. Do keep in touch with me from time to time.

Yours always sincerely,

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