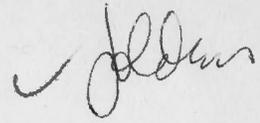


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Dear Joan and Harry:

Thanks so much for your letter. It really was great to hear from you, though I am terribly sorry to hear what has developed with regard to Donner Trail.

I have made some quick inquiries of my partners and lawyer friends regarding the change in Mexico's laws and what they are doing with regard to their clients who formerly went there to procure divorces. The view appears to be unanimous that they are sending them either to Nevada or Idaho. However, there seems to be some doubt as to whether Mexico will continue to impose heavy requirements of residence and attendance presently enforced. The story is, and it is pure rumor, that Billy Graham persuaded President Nixon to persuade the President of Mexico to make these changes. If that be true, then I assume it might be fairly easy to change back in the event President Nixon is not re-elected for a second term.

One of the lawyers with whom I spoke said that without a place as attractive as Donner Trail, there is a real feeling against Nevada only because Reno itself presents such an unattractive environment (with which I do not agree). That, of course, cuts both ways so far as you are concerned. It may indicate that it would be worth-while for you to find an attractive spot far from the maddening crowd; at the same time, it may mean that the thought of going through Reno itself is an experience which the individual might find too sordid to undertake. My own conclusion is that it would be worth-while for you to find an attractive spot which could take care of ten to twelve people and provide them with riding, skiing and the like. I do hope you do it.

My warmest regards to you both and best wishes.

Yours as ever,

S. Hazard

S. Hazard Gillespie

A.S. Joan you were very kind to mention my own situation - Yes, it is true, and now for almost a year and a half I have been living a bachelor-lawyer's life - which means working most of the time. Pat has a beautiful apartment and seems to be enjoying the New York social life. The Cashings have invited me to come to Squam again this winter (I did not make it last year), and if I get there I will certainly look you up in Reno - in fact, I will give you some advance warning of my arrival. Be it mentioned very best to you both -

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