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ENCLOSURE

74-1333-4295

2905 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
May 13, 1956

Dear Mr. Case,

I have your letter of May 11th with the news that Mrs. Shirley is not willing to sell at the price named in our contract. I am not interested in the higher figure and will return my copy of the contract upon receipt of the initial deposit of \$20 and the later instalment of \$100. I hope to be able to come up to Westminster on Saturday of this week to pick up the things I had left in the house and can deliver the contract at that time.

It is a little difficult for me to know at this time whether it will

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fit my plans to look for another place  
in the vicinity of Westminster. I haven't  
the time just at present and don't  
know whether it would be worth my  
while later on. However, I like the country  
in Carroll County and if things work out  
I may wish to see some of the places you  
mention.

I'm sorry the arrangements as to the  
Shaw place fell down, but I realize that  
you were not responsible for the changed  
conditions following Mrs. Shaw's death —  
although I had assumed you had been in  
touch with the heirs.

Very truly yours,

Albert Hiss

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Washington, D.C.  
May 5, 1936

Dear Mr. Case,

Your letter of April 22 and earlier letters contained the information that <sup>executed</sup> no copy of any will of Mrs. Shaw's had been found. They further indicated that her sister, Mrs. Shirley, was one of the heirs and stated that she had so far refused to consent to a sale of the property. Your two later letters did not show any change in these fundamental facts. The belief of the attorneys that it would be safe to assume title could eventually be secured was apparently based on the assumption that the Orphans Court would determine the will had been executed and lost and would admit an unexecuted copy to probate.

I would not be willing to take possession and make the necessary repairs on the basis of this assumption. Consequently, I have not thought it worth the time to make another trip to discuss other matters which depend upon the title being straightened out and have been waiting to hear further from you as to developments in connection

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with the latter question. If my assumption as to the basis of Mr. Walsh's opinion and that of Mr. Amalang's attorney is incorrect I should like to have Mr. Walsh write to me as to the actual reasons why he believes the title will eventually be cleared.

As I wrote earlier to you, I had assumed you had authority to close the matter promptly and will not be interested in waiting much longer for the title to be cleared. Will you please let me know promptly what the situation is.

Very truly yours,  
Algert H. Hiss

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April 25, 1936  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Case,

I was disappointed to receive the news that one of Mrs. Shaw's heirs may not wish to dispose of her interest in the property. As my interest in the place lies in its possibilities for spring and summer occupation and as I feel that much must be done to the premises before they are really habitable, I shall not wish to continue negotiations much longer, but will look elsewhere - probably nearer Washington.

I shall appreciate your notifying me promptly of any further developments.

2905 P. H. W.

Very truly yours,

Alger H. H.

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2905 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
April 16, 1936.

Dear Mr. Case,

The washer on the plunger of  
the pump has worn out and as I  
didn't want to have the outside  
spring tested I have put off getting  
the test until I can get the pump fixed.

I left a few personal belongings  
that I brought up today on the cot in  
the downstairs front room.

Very truly yours  
Aiger Hess

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2905 P Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

April 12, 1936

Dear Mr. Case,

The arrangements suggested in your letter are satisfactory and I am returning an executed copy of the contract of sale which you prepared. You will note that I have changed the dates to conform with the actual date of execution and have added a clause as to the water.

I should like to have the deed drawn so as to vest title in me and in my wife, Priscilla His, as tenants

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enclosed in conformity with  
the contract

Very truly yours,

Alger Hiss

by the entirety. I should also like  
to have you arrange for me to  
take possession a week or two  
earlier than the date you suggest.

I assume that until appraisal  
and purchase of the furniture  
and other personal property, I may  
use it rather than move up things  
I may not need. I hope you can  
see to it that the appraisal of  
the personal property is made  
promptly.

I hope to be able to drive up  
to Westminister Thursday morning  
and can make arrangements to handle  
the car by rail for you

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2905 P Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
May 25, 1936

Mr. Edward V. Case  
511 E. st Main Street  
Westminster  
Maryland

Dear Mr. Case:

I have delayed answering your letter of May 20 due to a sudden pressure of work which I expected to ease up each day.

Since it is now so late in the season, and since I have already made other arrangements for the summer, I am not interested in the Shirkey place at this time. Consequently, we had better terminate the negotiations completely. Will you please return to me the deposits which I have already made.

I judge that the tools described in your letter are some which I left at the place and forgot to take away with me. I will pick these up sometime, and hope it will not inconvenience you to keep them until then.

Very truly yours,

*Alex Kress*

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2905 P Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
May 28, 1936

Mr. Edward W. Case  
211 East Main Street  
Westminster  
Maryland

Dear Mr. Case:

I have delayed answering your letter of May 20 due to a sudden pressure of work which I expected to ease up each day.

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Very truly yours,

*Alger Hiss*

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