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Dear Boris:

I have two letters to answer.

Taking up first your letter of 19 May I imagine that you know by this time there was final action on the Private Bill. The check came on 14 May, which is celebrated here as "Flag Day". It was therefore an occasion for double celebration on my part.

Of course, I do not know yet what the tax situation will be. The lawyers who handled the matter through the Congress made statements to the effect that the award would be taxable as a capital gain, and I so regarded it, until a friend pointed out certain things to me and said that he thought that the award should and could be treated as non-taxable. I then consulted with Stuart Hedden, who agreed with my friend and recommended a course of procedure in reporting the award. I consulted then with my own attorneys mentioned above and they said what Stuart indicated might very well be true but since they are on record as having stated in hearings that the award would be treated as capital gains they could not very well handle the matter for me. This was a very understandable position for them to take and neither Stuart nor I find any fault with it.

The foregoing matter and advice with regard to how best to invest the proceeds of the award will be discussed with Stuart next Monday, as he is coming to Washington for the specific purpose of helping me. I offered to pay his expenses and also to pay him for his advice but he refused on both counts to accept any money from me. I think that it is a gracious act on his part and shows good friendship.

Thank you for your comments about the article in TIME. They provided me with one nice photograph of Elizabeth and myself and I suppose the best thing to do will be to have it copied. There is, of course, one condition to which I agreed when they gave me the photograph, namely that it would not be used without permission in any other publication. I know that you will not use the copy which I will send you later in any way that would contravene the agreement I made with TIME. Incidentally, there were brief stories in other magazines, but these were made without consulting me and as I told you before I resolutely refuse to give any more interviews. We still are receiving letters from friends, acquaintances, and strangers, all desirous of adding their congratulations and good wishes. I have not yet begun to receive requests for donations, financial aid, etc., but I am sure they will come.

I was sorry that somehow or other I missed calling Ingrid on the telephone before she left with the children. I do not even know whether Margareta came to Washington with her children.

I am sure that you are having a very happy reunion with them and their children and the rest of the members of your family at Sundaer. Please give everyone of them a warm greeting from me.

We have seen Bo several times. He was also here on June 23rd when we gave a cocktail party for the many friends of John and his wife, who moved last week to Buffalo where he has taken a very nice position with Bell Aircraft Company. We shall miss them, of course, but I am glad for him because in his new job he is going to be able to do something he has very much wanted to do, namely, specializing in making documentary films. He called up this morning while I was out and reported that the job was wonderful.

I hope that you and Annie had a very happy time at Badenweiler and that you benefited from the rest and the waters.

Now for your letter of 28 May written from Badenweiler. As soon as I got your letter I wrote to the Encyclopaedia Britannica and I inclose a copy of my letter. Just this morning I received their reply and I inclose a copy of it. Please let me have the information they request and I will forward your letter with an indorsement so that they will have my permission in writing.

I am glad to be able to report that my health is very much improved and I am beginning to feel much more like myself. I get various minor illnesses which are a bit distressing but not serious.

Elizabeth is fairly well (limping a bit from a recent fall) and, of course, she is quite tired out from ministering to my needs. She joins me in sending you and all the other members of your family love and best wishes.

Affectionately,

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