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Dear Wilson -
Don't send any money
now. This is the preliminary report
of the Title Co. Here in S.F. you
either have a lawyer or a Title Co.,
and you get stuck about the same
either way. Then you have a
guaranteed title. They pro rate
the taxes, insurance etc. and put
their charge on. Then I will
send the whole thing to you.
We now have to send them a
statement of our identity, before
they go further! - but it won't
be long now.

Lots of love -

Betty
P.S. When we bought it, we paid
\$42.00 for premium on the policy, and
\$1.00 for deed, and

Dear Helen: -

I just called the Pacific Title Co. to see what was holding up the papers. They said they sent you an airmail letter on August 8th and had heard nothing from you. This was addressed to you as Mrs. Helen Popense - since the papers are being made out that way, but I would think you would get it anyway, since the address was right, and there aren't too many Popenses. If you didn't, let me know right away, and I will have them write you again. We now have completed plans for what we plan to do at this stage, and are anxious to go ahead with it.

Nothing new here - except we have had a lot of company this week, and now I have to rally my forces to get the food necessary for six people over the weekend. I know you will sympathize with me.

The contractor looked over your house - he thinks it isn't worth putting any money in to. But you could build a nice modern house, with a sun deck, which would be quite protected because of our house and garage.

Am in a hurry now. Will write more next time -

Just lots of love
Betty

Hostellers

Dec. 17, 1948
3831 Market St.
San Francisco
Calif.

Dear Helen and Wilson :-

The silver bread and butter plate and the cigarette tray arrived in fine shape. Thank you very much indeed. We think the silver plate is beautiful, and that it is a fine idea to gradually build up a silver service. I really need a silver platter and serving dishes the most, so perhaps it would be better to get them first rather than the big dinner plates. But since the bread and butter plates are small, and can be sent more easily, it would be a good idea to also get them gradually, and send them when you can. Please let me know how much we owe you for the

plate - I forget how much you
said it would be.

We have sold the little house
next door for \$4000, and are going
to use the money to remodel this
house. The dining room is to be
built on to the porch, leaving
only a narrow strip of porch,
and the wall between living
room and dining room taken
out. Then there will be an
addition built on to the kitchen,
and a 2 car garage beyond that.
The old garage will be a study
for Karl. We will put in a
bath (shower only) and a closet for
Walter down stairs. The laundry
equipment, washer & dryer will be
in the kitchen addition. I will have
a stainless steel disposal sink and an
electric dish washer. Also there will
be more cabinets. We are going

to build in book cases and cabinets
in the living room beside the fireplace,
and house the radio in one of them.
We are having a contractor make
the plans now.

You will be glad to know that
the two beds for Walter's room
arrived, and are very comfortable.
So the next time you are here, if
everyone else decides to come too,
there will be room for them -
In November, when Paul was in
Washington for ten days, Peggy Middle-
ton and I took a trip. We went
down to San Diego, and saw
how Jan & Mary Jo are set up -
They have a cute little house in
a Federal Housing Unit, in a
really nice location, out on Point
Loma. They have two bedrooms, a
little yard for the children to play
in, and a nice view of the ocean.
Mary Jo has bought an electric

refrigerator and an automatic washer.
I think they should be really happy
and comfortable there. We are
really going to miss the babies
at Xmas.

Peggy and I
then drove down to Lower California,
about 70 miles below the border,
Ensenada. It was really very
interesting, and I enjoyed it.

It was wonderful to have
you here this fall, after so
many years - Now that the
children are in Davis, I hope
you will be coming every year.
We will be looking forward to it.
I wrote Marion and Hugh - I had
a nice letter from Marion. She
said she'd love to come down
some week end with her roommates,
but that they were going to
Ottawa for the holidays.

We also had a nice Xmas card from Nancy in Geneva.

I hear that Edison has been having more trouble with the malaria - too bad. I hope he gets over it soon.

We have been having a terrific amount of rain, but we are going down to the country just the same this week end, because Walter has some roses he wants to set out, and some manure he wants to spread! It would really be much more comfortable at home. He went to that nursery in Morgau Hill, and they will have all those varieties of trees he wants. He plans to set them out in February between semesters. They do not carry grape vines there however.

We are going to have open
House New Year's Eve - all the
Hospital - Karl's idea. What a
brawl that will be! Victoria
will be here that night, and
also the next day to clean up -
and also Xmas dinner - praise be!
I guess I'm getting lazy in
my old age - want a little
service! Very much love
to you both, many thanks, and
a very Merry Xmas and Happy
New Year -

Betty

agronomist

Wed June 27, 1949

Dear Wilson -

Your two letters arrived O. K. but as Betty was East for a month and I made two trips we were slow about answering.

Enclose "preliminary search of title", a small inaccurate map of the lot showing piece we take out for our garage and kitchen - roughly 21 ft on Market and 20 ft deep. This should leave you room for a 10 X 20 garage and steps coming down.

Also a paper for you and Helen to sign. Then if you want to send your check for \$5000 we will put the deal thru. You can mark your check "in full payment for portion of lot 10 in Block 23" or any way you want.

There will be a further figuring of taxes to date & cost of title insurance which the buyer pays for.

We will have a contractor figure on tearing the building down (which would cut taxes) and on putting it in shape to rent.

We enjoyed seeing Hugh and were sorry not to have seen more of him. As you say, there is no hurry in sending the chairs. We can use them nicely when we get the house enlarged. Delighted to hear that you are

over the malaria.

We have been doing quite a bit of work at Namwob Manos. Just now we are having some litigation about the right of way which the owner of the land above us claims. She also claims the dam from which we take water is on her land.

We planted quite a garden. Got some peas. Sweet corn coming along well. Melons didn't come up. Tomatoes growing fine so far.

Yesterday at noon, two deer crossed the field not more than 50 yds from the house where we were sitting.

Will leave some room for Betty to write a line. Love to Helen

Sempre tuyo
Carlos

Sorry we didn't write sooner. I was East for a month in Montreal Boston and New York. Hugh took a jar of the salve with him. I hope he makes Honduras. He had trouble with the car getting here from Davis!

Very much love to you both

Betty

Aug. 4, 1949
3831 Market St.
San Francisco 14
Calif.

Dear Wilson; -

You will think us very slow about the property sale - We took our vacation down in the country during July, so the Title Co. didn't do anything more about it. However I went down to see them the other day, and they will put it right through. When we bought the land, there was a defect in the title, because the city had built a new sidewalk, and put it farther out, which added a foot to the land, and this did not show in the deed. Mr. Hunter paid the Title Co. \$100 to put this thru court, and we thought it had been attended to.

However nothing has been done.
Now we are temporarily deciding
the land to the Title Co and they
will attend to it ^(they still have the \$150) right away, at
the same time preparing the
papers for Helen to sign. They
will send the papers directly to
Helen, and she will sign and
send the money to them. They
take out of it what we owe (for
the deed etc.) and send the balance
to us. This is really the simplest
way - saves me a trip down town.
Of course I balled things up, by
losing the papers which I was
bringing home for Karl's signature!
However I found them again
after much confusion.

I really doubt if that old

house is worth putting any money into. You would just have to fix the foundation which would cost \$800-1000. The plaster is all down in the kitchen - but I wouldn't plaster again, just put up beaver board or something like that. All the windows need fixing, it all needs painting, and of course new front steps. Also there is no heat or hot water. It is a really nice building lot, and you could build a new house which you'd both like - and even get in the second bathroom! If you want to disregard the foundation, and just fix the kitchen and front steps, Hank, our colored gardener, has a colored friend who does odd carpentering jobs at non-union rates, which would be considerably cheaper. Friends of ours wanted

to buy the house, but in order to put it into the kind of condition they wanted, including an extra room in the basement, contractors figured they'd have to pay \$5 or \$6,000. We haven't gotten figures on demolition yet, but will when we stay home long enough. Jan and Mary Jo and the babies drove up from San Diego in July, Walter was there, and Karl a lot of the time, so we had a fine time together. They have almost finished putting a new roof on. Other changes also. Mary Jo and I took the clothes into Jitney to the Automatic Laundry one day, and when we came home, there was a bill dozen

clearing out part of the orchard
above the garden on the left
for our future swimming pool!
He had been bull dozing out
poison oak for the man who
has just bought the old red school
house across from our entrance -
and Karl just acquired him!
He has also made the driveway
about 10 feet wider, and dumped
dirt out back of the garage,
so we will have a pleasant
place to sit shaded by the
trees on the hill - with a very
beautiful view. We will just
let the land sit now, until we
get ready to put the pool in.
Walter is going to put a lot of
weed in to hold the soil.
Incidentally, Walter's roses were
very beautiful all through July.

Some very pleasant people from Oakland bought the shore house - which is very nice.

We got some U.C. surveyors to survey our land, and find the dam is on our land. Mrs. Chappell now wants to know if we want to buy her 250 acres above ours, since we won't let her put a road through! I think 191 is enough!

Richard has bought a home in Rye, N.Y. It sounds very nice - only two blocks from railroad and stores, and near the bus to the beach. They have two lots, so plenty of room. It is a Cape Cod type house. Downstairs there is living room, kitchen, bedroom and bath and den. upstairs

there are two bedrooms and baths.
I think they expect to move in in
August. Also there is to be an
addition to the family, come next
February. Richard hopes they will
have the first boy!

Walter is now at Letterman Hospital
for six weeks. He has a clinical
clerkship, and says he is on a
good service.

Incidentally all our deeds are
made in both our names, which
is the way it is done here. However
you said just Helen's is, so that is
the way it is to be.

Are you coming north in the
fall? We hope so.

Very much love

11:40 P.M. just got in from a medical
meeting. Betty has told you all
the news so I can sign off Betty
Love to you & Helen
I Karl

30 August 1949

Dear Betty:

Your letter of the 26th has just come. I am sorry about the delay in sending the check. I have been over in Guatemala and could not at the matter until this week when I returned. I am sending the check today as per enclosed copy of letter. You will note that we do not want the deed sent down here; it is too risky. If you will hold it for us for the present we will later make arrangements for keeping it somewhere up in the States. There is no hurry about that part, but I hope the delay at this end has not tied up your own plans unduly. I wont write more today as we are swamped with things here, but we will both write shortly.

Much love to all

1152
Refined

Sept. 28, 1949
3831 Market St.
San Francisco
Calif.

Dear Wilson and Helen; -

Please forgive me for not writing you before. Sometimes things get too much for me, so I just sit down and read a story instead of writing letters as I should. Anyway the company finally sent us the check yesterday, and we expect to start the foundations for the garage on Monday. They will send me the deed, and I will put it in our Safe Deposit Box - I assure you that we have plenty of room there! I will go down to City Hall and see if they will send you the bill for taxes. If not, I will take care of them myself, and send you the amount. We have always had to go down to City Hall and pay them, after an

announcement in the paper that taxes are due - we've never received a bill. I think they come in November. We were sorry to miss Hugh. He came through on a Saturday when we were down in the country, but Walter was here and saw him. Also thank you very much for sending the silver plates. They will look very handsome on our table. Too bad about the pottery. I would like to reimburse you - if you would tell me how much. Of course all that loss of time and effort is what counts. We've just settled with the farmer in Gibroy. It only cost us \$86.00 to sell our

prunas this year! We have
an awful lot of apples, but no
market for them. Perhaps the
vinegar works will get them?
Walter doesn't come down to the
country week ends now, if there
is a football game on. Perhaps
he isn't a true agriculturist after
all. He is over at the County
Hospital this year, taking histories
and examining patients. He goes
home late, and goes back in
the evening, if he hasn't finished
all his patients. He is very
enthusiastic, and feels very important.
We are now in the midst of the
opera season - go every Tuesday
and Friday nights for five
weeks. I wish it could be
spread out a little more.

We get all dolled up in our evening clothes, and really feel very gay. I have had some of my Chinese silks made up for the great occasion.

Karl goes to Washington Sunday for four days - can't remember what for.

You will never know how nice it is to know that you own the lot next door, and may retire there some day. The years go by so fast it won't be so long now. I'm sure you will love San Francisco as we do. And I'm sure you can live here as cheaply as anywhere except where you are living. It is a very "arty" place - am sure

Helen will love that.
Be sure to tell your kids to
make head quarters here, when
they want to come to San Francisco.
I would be glad to give them
keys so they can come in
whether we are here or not.
Richard and Ruth are all excited
over the house they have bought,
75 Wappanocca Ave., Rye, New York.
They expect a baby in February.
Judy has just had mumps, so
now they expect Kathleen will
get them. Olive and I may drive
down to see them in November.
I had a letter from Aunt Gwigie,
that Isabel expects a baby in
December, and Francis is going
to marry a man she met in
Alaska, before Xmas and will
live in Carmel.

Well, I can't think of any
more news at present.
Very much love to both of you,
Betty

DR. KARL M. BOWMAN
3831 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 14, CALIFORNIA

Oct 24, 1949

Dear Wilson -

It's about time I sat down and wrote you a letter about things. Your check arrived O.K. and papers have been passed, but Betty has not yet received the papers. However, this is the usual speed of banks & title companies so I am sure everything is O.K.

We have started construction of our new 2 car garage and kitchen addition and today they started breaking in the side of the house. The concrete foundation is laid and the wood framework is starting up. It will be 60 to 90 days before they are finished.

We had a brief visit from Hugh but I wasn't here at the time. I presume he has written you about things. Our contractor is quite pessimistic about your being able to fix up the old house. Still it may be possible.

We were up to Sacramento last week and Betty bought a local newspaper. I enclose clipping which tells you about your daughter!! I hope your children will visit us some this year. We would love to have them drop in at any time.

The five silver plates arrived O.K. and with the first one, we now have a set of six. Too bad about the Mexican hostery. Murdoch has just bought us some Japanese china which he will bring back with him next July or whenever he comes back.

I hope you and Helen can both come up next April. We would so enjoy seeing you both again. We have plenty of room to put you in.

Our farming is not a great success financially. After selling the pines, we only had to pay the farmer \$8500 for ploughing, picking, pruning, etc. We have lots of apples but when we were down yesterday, he told me he didn't think it would pay to try to pick.

them. We get less than one half for apples as compared with last year.

My love to you and Helen

Karl

I am very glad to hear that you are well. I hope you are all the same. I am well at present and hope you are the same. I am very glad to hear that you are well. I hope you are all the same. I am well at present and hope you are the same. I am very glad to hear that you are well. I hope you are all the same. I am well at present and hope you are the same.

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Nov. 19, 1949

Dear Wilson -

I have just paid you taxes
in the amount of \$40.18. These can
be paid in two installments, but it is
easier to do it all at once, and
forget about it. I hope you don't mind.
The building goes on apace, and
all is dirt, noise and confusion,
with the water and electricity
shut off about half the time.
Fortunately nothing is being done
to our room, so I can retreat there
when all other avenues are closed.
The guest room is full of stuff taken
from the dining room. The
dining room is really going to
be lovely. It will be nice and

large, with the entire south wall
a big view window, and another
smaller one on the corner. |
With the big opening into the
living room it will be much
easier to entertain. Karl spends
a lot of time every evening admiring
his big view window. We will
have a stainless steel sink with
disposal and electric dish washer,
also automatic clothes washer & dryer.
Since keep is so expensive, we
figure the best thing to do is to
make work as easy as possible.
When you live next to us, you
can use our clothes washer &
dryer. Silly to have two!
We will have a sun deck on
top of the garage.

Karl went to New York last week - spent the week end with Richard and Ruth. He said they have a very nice place - you look out on trees and the brook from nearly every window.

We are going down to the Stanford - U.C. football game tomorrow and then go down to the country for the week end. It will be great excitement, for whichever one wins goes to the Rose Bowl in January.

We have been invited out for Thanksgiving, and accepted gladly, since it looks as if we would be unable to cook anything here.

Karl now says he is going to Japan for a month next summer, which means no Guatemala this year - well we

can still hope that we can
come the year after. I hope I
won't be a deceitful lady by
the time I get down there.
The contractor is going to figure
on demolishing your house.
We don't care whether or when
you do it, so don't do it on
account of us.

Sympathy this afternoon, so must
stop and get ready-

Very much love to you both,
Betty

Univ. of So. Calif.
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

December 18, 1949

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was good to hear from you, and I am sorry that I could not answer your letter immediately after its arrival. I wanted to make some inquiries first, and it also happened to be the final week before the Xmas vacation, so I put it off.

Your problem in San Francisco sounds like a very interesting one - also a challenge in the matter of design. If the Los Angeles city limits could be extended that far I would certainly be interested in helping direct a solution, but I am so very much tied down here that I have only been outside of Los Angeles County once in the past forty months, and I have not been in San Francisco since the summer of 1942 when I had to go there for a camouflage defense conference. Recently I was asked to serve as visiting examiner for a Master's thesis at Claremont and strange as it may seem that is the farthest that I have been from home during 1949. I should not complain. I did more than a fair share of wandering about during a period of twenty-five years or more, but I find it strange to be limited to a thirty-odd mile radius for over three years.

The University's supervising architect originally came from San Francisco and is still well acquainted there professionally. I asked his advice and he suggested the name of one architect who might be more congenial and capable than others for the sort of problem that you have in mind. He is a very good man, a regional director of the American Institute of Architects, I am told. His name is James Mitchell.

It happens that I have been planning a trip to Berkely between semesters - provided my available days can be coordinated with the U of California's schedule. I need to be there while their architecture department is in session. If I go it will be late in January, or the first few days of February. In case I do go I have this suggestion to make: If you would care to trust me with an outline of your ideas, some sketches of what you want, and any other pertinent information regarding site, expected expenditure, etc., I will try to make some sort of contact for you.

I could call on Mr. Mitchell and ask his advice without any obligation. His official position would make it possible to do that. Naturally I do not know what sort of work he is presently engaged in, or if he would be in a position to consider such a commission personally. But he might know of a local architect who would be the proper sort to work with you. I could pass along a report of my conversation with him, and I would be very happy to serve in any other way, either then or later. There is a possibility, of course, that my proposed trip will not materialize, but I will try to follow up any other leads at the first opportunity.

Perhaps I could help put your sketch into shape, or be able to make some suggestions, before passing it along to a San Francisco architect. I think I understand the character of furnishings that you would eventually incorporate into your home, and the sort of background that you would want to

create for them.. A lot such as you describe, however, would probably call for considerable ingenuity in planning and construction. I would hope, and I imagine you would too, to keep the exterior simple and contemporary. Any colonial atmosphere almost certainly would have to be kept to interior details, - particularly on such a restricted site and in San Francisco. But interesting furnishings, such as you would bring to the States, would make a charming place if they were planned for and the treatment was sympathetic. That is the challenge that an architect would have to accept. I would not consider an architect, personally, who was unwilling to approach the problem sympathetically. On the other hand I would consider the architect's viewpoint, too. He would not be much of an architect if he did not recognize that we are entering the second half of the 20th century, and that present day materials and construction (not to mention building codes) would make it impossible to produce a synthetic Spanish Colonial house on a typical San Francisco hillside lot.

There are many times when I wish for the simple life of Antigua. Los Angeles is a mad-house. At heart I am a small town person - definitely! I never found living in Antigua dull. I was always busy with things that I enjoyed doing. I had more personal enjoyment every day in Antigua than I can count on in a week of existence here. Mostly it is a struggle to pack more hours into a day here, and one spends too much time either earning a living, or keeping up with the necessities of existence. I would like to climb to the top of the old tower at Santa Clara and watch a sunset, or be lulled to sleep by a marimba band practicing in the next block (instead of the constant roar of traffic), or have time to make a water color sketch, or to mingle with people during a fiesta, or sally forth with a camera when the light and shadows are interesting, or wander thru the market and buy a few bananas (a luxury that we can not afford here), or just sit and chat with friends now and then (also a luxury here). In Los Angeles I rush to work at eight in the morning, teach the required classes, keep appointments, check and grade student work, keep up with the routine red-tape, spend a maximum of fifteen minutes gulping a lunch, (frequently I miss lunch because appointments run thru the lunch interval), and finally rush home between six and six-thirty. Heavy traffic both ways, of course. My exercise consists of running up and down a flight of stairs a dozen times a day, and standing for three hour periods twice a day. The actual work that I do is not an overload. It is the monotony that is gradually wearing me out. I might add that this condition has only existed since the war. We have so many students that each member of the faculty has to teach many sections of the same subject. Day after day I have to repeat myself. Reminds me of a worn out phonograph record. And the leftover work goes home with me for evenings and weekends.

Altho I will not have time to do a real job for you, it will be a real pleasure to help you think about it, perhaps make a few sketches - as time permits - and keep in touch as it materializes. That, at least, will be a departure from the present norm, and it would be a privilege that I would enjoy. Let me hear more from you soon - just in case I can get to the Bay area during January.

My very best regards to Mrs. Popenoe and yourself.

Sincerely,

Gertrude L. Annis

P.S. Could you give me the address of Bernardo Roehrs? I haven't heard from him since last spring.

6 January 1950

Prof. Verle L Annis
Univ. of So. Calif.,
Los Angeles 7, California.

Déar Professor Annis:

It was good to hear from you again, quite apart from getting your advice regarding the San Francisco job. And we appreciate the latter very much. We have been trying to sketch up our ideas but find that we are not sufficiently clear regarding the possibilities to do a satisfactory job. In fact, anything we did now might simply involve you in some useless work. I guess we had best wait until we get up there this coming summer. We must decide whether the house will be all on one floor, or whether we can have two stories on the lower end, toward the bay; most of the houses along that street are one story high on Market street and two or three at the other side! It was the first time I have ever gone downstairs to go to bed. We stayed at my cousin's house, 3831 Market St - our lot is next door to his, and has a very narrow entrance on Market St - just wide enough for a garage and a stairway outside going down to the house itself. If you have a lot of time to kill in San Francisco (which you most probably wont) run up to the house of Dr Karl M Bowman, at 3831 Market, and look at the problem. There is now a small brown bungalow, one floor, on the lot but they tell us it is too far gone to be worth repairing. I am not sure of this, but probably it is the case. If we build a new house, we will have it quite small as I told you, and have hoped to get by at \$5000 - in my time we could have built what we want for \$3500, but I fear we wont even get by for \$5000 now; we would be prepared to go up to \$7500 I think. This may sound ridiculous; I dont know anything about present building costs but when I look at the beautiful stone houses we have built here for \$6000 I yearn for the good old days in California.

Just as you yearn for the good old days in Antigua, and we dont blame you. Even there, however, things have gone up a great deal! We tried to restore a small house a Boston friend last year; we thought we could do it for \$3500 but when the money ran out we were only 2/3 through and had to stop the work. Building costs have almost doubled in Antigua. Living costs too have gone up; you ought to hear old Maria wail, every time we show up there. Tortillas used to be 14 for a cent; now you get 4 or 5. Wages have not gone up correspondingly. You remember Arturo, our old mason; we paid him 85 cents a day and now he gets \$1.25; it doesnt balance the rise in tortillas.

Address of Bernardo Roehrs is Box 3099, University of Florida, Gainesville. We sent him up last August for a year's study; he is doing finely in his forestry work and will come back in June, either to work with us or in Guatemala where he has a good offer. Bernardo is strictly allright.

Best regards from us both.

Ever yours

DR. KARL MURDOCK BOWMAN
3831 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 14, CALIFORNIA

Sunday April 16, 1950

Dear Wilson -

I am going to Japan on July 5 and shall be gone about a month. I shall try to take a week off on the way back to visit Murdock and his family at Saipan. I should be back by the middle of August at the latest. Also Walter will be free from then on as he spends his first 6 weeks working with some doctors near Sacramento.

We had Symon Bros look at the house and they offered to do it for \$275.00 They are the largest firm in S.F. I hope we can find someone who would do it for less. If you want us to go ahead with it, you had better send a sworn and notarized order signed by you and Helen.

Glad to hear the pottery has been found. We shall look forward to its arrival, also the chairs.

Glad to know that you are expecting to be here in September. We want you and Helen to spend as long a time with us as possible. This should be good headquarters from which to visit your children and they can visit you here.

Namwob Manor is developing. The giant bamboo doesn't seem to be doing too well but the other varieties are. The two Chinese redwoods are also coming along. If you have anything in Honduras suitable to be planted here, bring it along and we will try it out.

Betty says to tell you and Helen to come for a long stay. Siempre tuyo

Karl has quite an attack of laryngitis. He thinks his throat is quite sore by copious quantities of crême de menthe! Takes it to bed (over)

Sorry you have had so much trouble
Dear Wilson - about dishes and chairs.
Nail neglected to tell you that
Symon Bros. are wreckers. We had the
contractor look at the house, and he didn't
think it was worth fixing up, as I told you.
The wreckers will leave the place absolutely
clear for \$275, and they would get whatever
there is in the house. I guess they sell this
second hand, but there is nothing any good,
except perhaps old lumber and electrical
equipment. I think the estimate is
pretty good, but I will call another company
to check. Last week end Sally and Marin
went down to the country with us. They
are very cute gals - you should be proud
of them. We had invited Hugh, but
he couldn't come. Marin was here also
when we had all the Bulsons and
Redwood City people here one Sunday.
Marin is quite pleased about you having
the nest down place. I think Hugh thinks
you got gyped, but I'm sure the lot is
worth what you paid for it. We are
both so pleased that you and Helen will
be here in September. That is really
the nicest month of the year in San
Francisco. May Jo expects another
baby about Oct. 5th. I guess I will go
down there then to keep out. Guess you
know that Richard had a daughter, Ellen,
Feb. 23rd. I may go East in July while
Nail is in Japan - loads of love - can hardly
wait to see you!

DR. KARL MURDOCK BOWMAN
3831 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 14, CALIFORNIA

Dear Helen and Wilson -

May 14, 1950

The chairs arrived while I was on a ten day
trip to Detroit and Washington. When I got home
Betty had had them delivered and Walter had
unpacked them. They are fine and I like the
two arm chairs very much. We can now have
^{two} ~~eight~~ ^{twelve} ~~eight~~ for dinner without bringing in extra chairs.

Life is quite hectic at present. I fly to Washington
again for 2 days next Thursday. June 1 & 2 I fly to
Los Angeles and again June 6. June 23-24 the American
Board of Psychiatry and Neurology meets at the
Langley Porter Clinic and exams 250 candidates.
The next week the American Medical Association meets
here and I read 2 papers (not yet written). Then July
5, I fly to Gafam (planned to write him) to be gone
for a month. Hope to stop at Saffran for a week
on my way back and visit Murdock, James and
Janet. So if you come to S.F. after the middle
of August I will be back and we should have
some good celebrations.

We have planted a dozen (chinese) adwoals at
Nanwolb Manor. Also 3 types of bamboo. The
giant type interests me most. Hope to put a
dam in the stream this summer and stock
it with fish. We planted a few more trees this
spring and I spent 3 weeks and 3 shaying
poison oak. Will stop and leave space for Betty
to add a line.

Love

Karl

Dear Wilson & Helen

The chairs are fine. Many thanks. The hinges
of one of the arm chairs got broken, and the back
spoke of one of the others. Our contractor would

tear down the house for \$250, which is the best offer I can get. In addition to all Karl has to do, he has had a dose of tracheitis, involving a hacking cough, which he hasn't been able to get rid of, in spite of copious doses of penicillin. Also Dr. Simon, his second in command, has been ill for a couple of weeks, had $\frac{2}{3}$ of his stomach removed a week ago, because of a bad ulcer, so Karl has all his work to do. So we will really want to celebrate when you get there. I should tell you also that Karl has decided that nothing is going to prevent our coming to visit you next summer. I hope we live that long!

I am so anxious for you to see our home. I'm quite sure you will like it. The work is really a lot easier for us, and interesting much easier. I should know, for we have had several buffet suppers recently, trying to catch up on what we weren't able to do this winter. Well, just loads of love to you both and many thanks for the chairs. So glad you will be coming up -
Betty

Mrs. Karl Murdock Bowman
3831 Market Street
San Francisco 14, California

Feb. 19, 1951

Dear Wilson; -

Just a note to tell you that the house is all down and the bill paid, \$250 as originally stipulated. I enclose the receipt. Also on Nov. 28, I paid the taxes on your land which were \$44.66. I am keeping that bill here in the file.

It is a beautiful spring day after the very rainy winter we have had. I hope it is nice tomorrow, as we are

flying down to L.A. where
Karl is giving a talk, and
then a few days to see the
children in San Diego.
Walter is terribly busy, being
an interne in gynecology, as
well as a student. They are
so short of young doctors on
account of the draft, they
have to get the students to
keep out. We are looking
forward so much to your visit.
I hope you will be able to be
here when Karl is. Walter
says graduation is the 14th so
I guess we'll be watching him
graduate on that date.
No new news since our last
letter. Just lots of love
Betty

STATEMENT

Bray Construction Co.

General Contractors

San Francisco 16, Calif. Feb. 17, 1951

To Mrs. Karl M. Bowman

3831 Market St.

2583 - 46th Avenue

LOmbard 4-6440

To: Removing residence at 306 Grand View Avw.

\$ 250.00

Received Payment in full

Feb. 17, 1951.

Wm. H. Bray

Mrs. Karl M. Bowman

833 Market Street

San Francisco, California

April 17, 1953

Dear Wilson and Helen: -

We were very thrilled to get the plans, and will call up the contractor as soon as possible. We have two suggestions. One is that your big window should be a corner window like ours - for that is the way the view is from that lot, so that you take in the bridge & Berkeley, like a panorama from anywhere in the room. You lose a lot otherwise. The second is that the house must set high enough, so that the windows are above the wall of the garden next door, otherwise you get no view at all. This wouldn't interfere with our view.

Right now we are "just up to
our ears". The board examinations
of the American Psychiatric are being
held in Langley Porter Clinic April 29-
May 1. Then we fly to L.A. for
the A.P.A. meetings of a week's
duration. Then Karl is having
some distinguished people give
lectures at the L.P. Clinic the
week afterwards. All this
involves much preparation
and also parties etc. for the
visiting celebrities. I have to
have a dinner for the board
wives April 29th, while the
men and all these ^{local doctors} who
assist them in the examination
are being entertained at the
clinic.

A friend of mine who is

having a lot of work done at her house, says her contracts say prices are going down, so here's hoping.

Also I don't want to hear any more about paying for Sally's food - wouldn't hear of such a thing. - Ok do you want us to pay you for mahogany chairs and silver plates etc.? Don't be silly! (Not to mention bananas!)

We very much enjoyed having Sally here - and she was no trouble. I let her sleep as long as she wanted, and then she got her own breakfast. It took her quite a while to dress, because of all the contraptions around her waist. We got a little lunch together at the kitchen bar, and

They had a nice dinner in the dining room. We put a radio in her room, and just let her do as she pleased. It was really a pleasure to watch her put on a little weight, and get back the roses in her cheeks. She is coming back Sunday, and will get the tube out on Monday, which I know will be a relief to her.

We were glad to get your letter about her continuing college, as she should. She has been very worried about the cost of the operation. I guess she sent you the doctor's bill, and she paid the hospital bill out of her school money.

Well, we have finally arrived!

On April 8th Ruth, Richard's wife,
presented us with our first
grandson, named Thomas Elliot ^{IV} ~~Born~~
weight 7 lbs. 8 oz., a husky baby,
mother and father doing well,
and grandfather doing exceedingly well.
Everyone is pleased that Richard,
the eldest, should have the first
grandson.

Walter and Pat
are expecting another infant in
November. Pretty soon, I shall
have an awful time, just keeping
up with their birthdays!

Well, we have to go to a wedding
this afternoon, so I'd better go
down and sew a couple of button
on etc.

As always, very much love
videe to you,

Betty

P.S. Karl says if it is doesn't cost

a lot more, Redwood siding would
be better than pine. Also I don't
know if you do and windows
are standard measurements. It would
be cheaper to have them so, if not.

But that's all I can say, I'm
not a professional, but I think
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DR. KARL MURDOCK BOWMAN

3831 MARKET STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 14, CALIFORNIA

May 28, 1953

Dear Wilson -

I enclose bid from Mr Bray which will probably seem very high to you. It certainly is not cheap. If you like, we will request another bid.

A nice letter from Sally indicates she is very happy. Also a letter from Betty Pohnse tells of Sal's visit there and states she looks happy but a little thin. She needs time of course to get her strength back but I think everything is very satisfactory.

Betty & I fly to Topeka tomorrow and Sunday Washburn gives me a Doctor of Science degree. Can't let my cousins steal all the D.Sc. degrees.

Hope you and Helen are well and that we will see you before too long.

Richard announces arrival of grandchild No 8 and grandson No 1 - Thomas Elliot Bowman IV. Walter & Murdock both announce additions on the way. !!

Sempre tuyo
Carlos

Mrs. Karl M. Bowman : 3851 Market Street : San Francisco 14, California

Feb. 4, 1954

Dear Wilson and Helen -
We are looking forward to seeing you next summer - that is, if we are here. Right now Karl is toying with the idea of going to the Philippines for a year and joining the department of Psychiatry in the Medical School on its feet. It looks right now as if we would really go, whether next summer or two years hence is the question.

We paid your taxes - \$23.82 so that is taken care of once more. I was East

all of November, and an
old friend of ours, Grandma Ausluty,
came back with us for two
months. Unfortunately we
both had a virus attack,
which laid us low most of
December, and made it very
hard to get ready for Xmas
and the annual New Year's
party for the hospital.
Dockey and Jeanne had their
third little girl, Elizabeth Anne,
born Dec. 19th, and the whole
family was here for three
weeks, after Jeanne left the
hospital. After that I was
very busy taking trips trying
to show Grandma California
and entertain her.

The doctors decided that Kael
didn't have trichinosis after all,
just a virus attack. I hope
Belen got rid of her amoebas,
and was in shape to enjoy
the trip to Florida with you,
and you were able to visit
Nancy. We liked her husband
very much.

We got the notice that
Sally had her baby. ^{So she}
still in Stockton? Her husband
is a nice lad, high strung and
sensitive like Sally.

Walter and Pat had
a baby girl, Carson Jean, born
October 24th. Well, at least
we have one grandson, and he
is a fine baby.
Much love to you both -
Betty

Mrs. Karl M. Bowman

8881 Market Street

San Francisco 14, California

Sept. 30, 1954

Dear Wilson -

Yesterday I went down to City Hall to see if I could pay your tax bill. But the bills are not made up until Nov. 1 and can't be paid until then. However I found out how much it would be - \$26.04, and signed a card to have the bill sent to Karl's secretary, Mildred Carr, and I will leave a check for the amount with her. This should take care of the matter O.K. We are so busy we don't know whether we'll really get on that boat or not. What with shots, dentists, oculists etc. etc. clothes, fix up the house up to be rented by a charming young doctor and his wife - plus all these goodbye dinners etc. etc. Three weeks on the boat with nothing to do will be wonderful. From Manila we fly to Jakarta, Indonesia for two weeks, where

Karl will advise the medical
School there on psychiatric set-up.
They have promised us a guided
tour to Bali. Then we fly
to Bangkok, Siam for 4 or 5 days -
where he will do the same.
The father of the present king used
to be a medical student of Karl's
in Harvard - so we are going to
meet the king. Then we fly
to New York via India, ^{Dataville} Athens, Rome,
Spain, Agoras - but won't have
time to stop for more than a couple
of days in each place, since Karl
has to be back in S.F. April 11th.
I plan to stay in the East, visiting
Richard and Tom, meeting Karl
for the APA meeting in Atlantic City
in May. Then fly back with
him southern route, stopping off
to see Muddock in Corpus Christi,
Texas, en route. Karl got a big kick out
of your story of the girls being

provided by the school with a bus
to come out on Sundays to complete
the physical education of the boys.
I read you are having big floods
in Honduras - hope it doesn't
affect you. May Jo & kids had
quite a time in the Carol Hurricane,
as they were right on Narragansett
Bay - no lights or water for 4 days -
but fortunately nothing worse.
They are now in Washington D.C.
where Tom is associate curator in
marine ecology in Smithsonian Institute.
He likes his boys very much, and
enjoys the work very much. They
are buying a house in Rockville, Maryland.
I wonder if Sally is with you now.
If so, give her our love - so glad she
got her degree.

With all our love
Betty

KARL MURDOCK BOWMAN, M. D.
3831 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 14, CALIFORNIA

Feb 11, 1957

Dear Wilson -

A number of things have occurred in the Bowman family recently. Betty went to the hospital in November and had a section of her colon removed (splenic flexure) for a cancer. Apparently they were able to remove the entire tumor and she now seems O.K. altho tiring rather easily. I went into hospital Dec 2, for a knee - broken cartilage, and changes in the joint. They did a radical operation, opened up the joint, scraped it out, etc. I am just now beginning to walk about normally and should have no more trouble with it. Walter and Pat are expecting a fourth child (3 girls) in July. We are hoping for a boy to bring the ratio up to 2 grandsons versus 10 granddaughters.

Corinne Parsons, who is our Supt. of Nurses, is interested in your lot. She is considering building a small house and would accept the plan of not building to obstruct ^{our} view. She would be willing to pay \$3,000, but not any more. At present Market St is being widened to a 6 lane divided freeway. Many houses have been torn down and it is hard to predict whether it will increase or decrease real estate values. Unless you are considering building (which I judge you are not) I would advise selling. There are a number of houses for sale along Market and it may be that the heavy traffic and noise will decrease values. Under the new plan, the road is divided and if I am coming out from town I would have to go about

a quarter of a mile (or maybe further) to turn around and come back on our side of the road. Let me know what you think about this and I will do anything I can about it. I would say that I don't think now is a good time to try to sell. It is better to wait till the freeway is finished which will be about a year from now. So this is an added reason for accepting this offer. As you remember, we sold it to you for \$3,000 so you would be out taxes and interest. Do you have a surveyors map, showing grading of land, etc., also the tentative plans you drew for a house. If so, I wish you would send them to me. I could use them for this or any other possible sale. I that we had them but so far have not been able to find them.

I am planning to fly to N.Y.C. on Feb 21 and am reading a paper at the meeting of the Am. Psychopathological Assn on Feb 23. I will see Richard and family and expect to take them to a Broadway show and dinner on Feb 23.

Have kept quite busy altho on a half time basis with the Univ. of Calif. We spent a large part of the summer at the ranch and have added a screen porch, a considerable amount of cement patio and a 30 x 20 car port and carpenter shop, tearing down the old garage.

Must close now and get to work on my paper.

love to you and Helen

Hi! love to you both. *
I forgot to tell you I paid 26.82 taxes
on your lot in November. When are
you coming to California? It seems such a long
time since we saw you.
Lots of love, Betty

Tecucigalpa, 16 Feb 1957

Dear Carlos:

Yours of the 11th has just come. We would never sell out to anyone who did not meet with your approval, but as you say, it has become pretty evident that we will never move to San Francisco to live (I have too much to do in this part of the world) we would be happy to have you sell it to someone who has your interests in mind. Therefore, you can go ahead. We have had enough pleasure in thinking of the lot, these past years, to compensate us for the slight expense it has been to us!

I am enclosing such papers as we have here which will be of interest, including a bid on the house we planned. Obviously, the new owner will not want just the house we planned, but she may get some ideas from it. What we do not seem to have here is the deed to the property. I do not know that this is necessary for a sale, but it should be delivered. I cannot remember where we put it; do you have it, or did I send it to Boston for safe keeping (with my other papers) or do we have it in Antigua. Tell me if you have it, and then if you dont we will run it down.

I enclose check for last yrs taxes; I intended sending this earlier but we went off to the States on 5 January and travelled for more than a month - New York, Washington, south Texas, Florida and Cuba - where I had to give 5 lectures on tropical fruits. No money involved, unfortunately. We are scheduled to retire on the first of April but may hang around here a month or so longer, until they name my successor. We then move over to Antigua, but I shall probably take a few jobs now and then, for short periods. Already have two in the offing. I dont want to work all the time as I have some writing to do.

We are awfully sorry to learn that both Betty and yourself have been laid up, more or less. I suppose it will happen to one of us or both, sooner or later. So far, we are both pretty fit. Just had news that Marion has received her first child, Dorothy Marie by name, which helps to balance the number of males and females in our group. We had a good visit with Nancy and Husband in Washn, and with Marion, and with Hugh in Florida. Hugh expects to finish his academic requirements before the end of this yr and head back to Central America, to continue work on his favorite project, tropical soil management; Doesnt yet know what he will do for money. I am glad to say he is more interested in his project, right now.

I reckon we wont get to California this yr, but after we get reorganized we will do so from time to time. My pension will permit us to travel quite a bit - and if I get some experting jobs so much the better. We will get together at Namwob one of these days and have a real reunion.

Helen joins in much love to all of you.