

Oct 5, 1985

Dear Grandfather,

I'm sorry you & Aline were not able to be at the Island for Bella's & my party; it was, in spite of our fears, a success. There was just enough lobster, steamers, & champagne to go around; enough for Bella's father to have 3 (or 5, depending upon whose account you believe) lobsters. Even John, after awhile seemed accept our argument that the fire built to boil the lobsters & steam the clams would not set fire to the Island,

I had hoped to be able to send you some pictures of the party, but I'm afraid I haven't any yet.

Thank you so much for the beautiful photographs of the Island & other Maine places. It is nice to be reminded, in the middle of the winter, how lucky we are to have such a wonderful place to go to in the summer.

I attended my first shore-holders' meeting this summer, & also a meeting with the new

Caretaker, My concern is that people (my relatives) will think that he is so wonderful, because he is not like Pete, that too much will be expected of him; & everyone will be disappointed, again. I heard too many "Isn't he wonderful," & "He's so much better" in this or that way "than Pete." But he's just different than Pete, not necessarily better. It seems to me that Chandler may have much expected of him that he isn't even aware of.

At any rate, I was impressed with Ebbie's ability to understand & express to poor Chandler what seemed to be the consensus, without appearing cold or insensitive, as several members of our family are apt to seem.

I'm sorry I haven't any pictures, especially of my new wife, to send you, and thank you for the wonderful ones you sent us.

I hope we will see you, at least by next summer. Please Love, Eif. & Bella
remember me to Aline.