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Dear Stuart:

This much delayed letter is to inform you that I forgot to mail your check. I didn't "forget" exactly, but Mother is filing a law-suit against me for non-payment of monies as stipulated in our property settlement agreement. One thing I discovered to my chagrin and surprise was that I had been making the payments I was told to make and not those definitely stipulated in the aforesaid agreement. When I searched for my copy of the agreement I discovered I had none and not only that, I never did have. The only papers I possess re. our divorce are the divorce papers themselves signed by the judge. In the first place I paid your mother fifty dollars a month too little and have paid you a great deal more than your allotment is to be. Peter doesn't figure and Scott didn't get as much as he was supposed to. So you can see what a mess everything is in. At any rate I won't have to make up mind how to settle the matter; I will be told by the judge and will have to abide by his decision.

Although I realize I wrote this to you before, I cannot for the life of me recall mailing the note, so this is the reason for the repetition.

Enclosed are checks for you and Scott. Since he has disowned me, it is impossible without further word from the court to determine the difference between what I must do, what I should do, what ~~and~~ I can do, and lastly what I'd like to do. Time will tell. In the meantime I am sending his check to you for forwarding. He can't expect money from Mother as she has had her attorney officially declare her destitute due to my failure to give her enough money to live on. Don't worry about it as due to the fact that I signed that property settlement agreement, I can't be heard in court nor can I demand that mother account for the expenditures of either her or Suzie's money.

Well, I can't seem to talk about anything but money these days, but enuf. I certainly hope you are getting along well with your work and your health, wealth and general well-being. Was slightly surprised about your October visit to Texas; didn't think you would get homesick so quickly.

Would certainly appreciate hearing from you and also hearing news from Fort Worth. The only news I get from there comes from Rochester and by the time it reaches me it is finely filtered and more often than not, not even news.

My fondest hope, altho the least likely to be realized, is that you and Scott and Suzie could find it possible to visit Little Rock -- primarily to visit me of course -- and spend a couple of days. Naturally it is quite obvious to me that what with all your other travels you can barely find the time nor the funds to make such an extensive journey. But if you would give it some consideration I should be ever grateful. Aside from the sentimental feeling I have for such a venture, there a a few practical aspects that just might be advantageous to all of you should you ponder over it a mite.

Until we meet again, my very best wishes for everything to you and all my love.

Dad.

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Incidentally: I have almost all of the
Book of the Month Club Rapid Reading
Courses - a thing which might be of
great interest to you & which I'd
like to trade on a temporary basis
for Pete's tape recorder

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