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Dear Stuart: Among^{the} many other things keeping my poor ole brain in a carouselisgue state of confusion:

- (1) I've received no letter from you stating that you were
 - (a) out of money
 - (b) tuition was unpaid
 - (c) Both of these, but that you didn't know I was in Rch.
 - (d) You did know but you knew neither the address of St. Mary's Hosp or your Grandma L. — i. e. if you still recognize her as such.
- (2) Your Tuition Plan project has not been settled.
 - (a) I couldn't know about this; they refunded money to me & I called their attention to the fact that I thot the refund was in error and haven't heard from them since — probably becaase the letter is in Little Rock and I'm not.

At any rate, you may have written me in L.R. since my departure, in which went the letter placidly awaits my return & I will notify you, such being the case, immed. following my return to L.R.

Have had the 3^d & I hope the final
(over)

operation on my poor, innocent, unsuspecting
bowel. (I can't help but feel that as an apology
as this remark is, since we no longer have
Maledon & I may start an entire new movement).
Hope to be discharged from the clinic as "cured"
in a week or so & will then go to L.R. via
St. Louis where we will visit Shirley's
father who coincidentally is also recuperating
from a bowel resection. After picking up &
answering the mail, paying a great many
bills etc, will proceed to F.W. for a visit
and an attempt to clear up a couple of
odds and ends. From there I have no way of
predicting what will happen so suggest
that you address all future correspondence
to 3501 Cedar Hill Road, L.R., Ark. for
either forwarding — or as may be the case —
my prompt response.

Your definitive plans to attend
Law School as outlined recently to me by
Mother come as no surprise, really, since
you had expressed this idea to me some
two years — or ~~7,000~~ ago. Whether you
are more practical than I am is not the
issue at stake here, but I think it would
be very difficult for either of us to arrive
at a workable plan for the future without
an honest-to-goodness-face-to-face-across-
the-table-conference. Since I am not the
one planning the future or reciprocally
since you are the one, the responsibility
for such an interview becomes entirely
yours and am awaiting your appointment
for same — surely you realize this MUST happen.

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Until we can thoroly discuss the pros & the cons involved in this "new" venture I can't find myself in any kind of a position to make a definite commitment.

Of course, the entire transaction is completely up to you. Thus I have outlined my itinerary as planned to date and any changes in the future will be relayed to you promptly ~~in~~ order that you can get in touch with me any time you wish. Reviewing my credit cards, ~~has~~ ^{led} me to believe you have an Easter recess of a kind and since time may be important in your decision I might suggest that a meeting between us during this scholastic interval might be fruitful to you.

Nonetheless — hope you are doing well, are happy, and engaged in gainful enterprise.

Stuart, I regard myself as your father, your benefactor, and your critic, regardless of what you may think. I want therefor to impress indelibly upon your mind one thing: you are not travelling a one-way street; not with yourself; not with your accepted family; not with your disaccepted family.

You just think this over and for heaven's sake, reply. For of all the

limited things in this world I can do, among them is to help you attain your goals. But I feel it is too much for you to expect total and independent support with absolutely nothing in return.

But enough of this — the very best of everything to you. Don't let the purse of Julian or your mother make you nervous about your tuition. All will be taken care of in due order and there is no reason for sweat.

Best of luck — all my love —
and think realistically, M.A.N.

Love
Dad

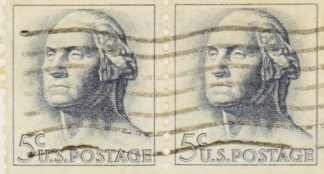
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