

May 29, 1965

Dear Stuart:

Have received your letter of May 26, apparently 1965 stating your financial situation, your educational situation, your (or mine) credit ~~and~~ card situation and something about your personal situation.

Enclosed is a check for \$100.00 (on purpose) to allieviate your financial situation, at least temporarily. Also enclosed is the advice your mother gave me yesterday, that "Dr. Smith should not be held responsible for the upkeep of these children." She assured me in her conversation that despite any conversations we all have had that all of you, Peter, Stuart, Scott, and Suzanne hated me and held me in the greastest contempt. Past performances by all of you but Suzanne makes her argument so strong that it cannot be ignored.

If, as your mother demands, you "children" be taken off the hands of Dr. N.D. Smith, I will be glad to discuss the matter with each and every one of you personally. In case you can't possibly make it to Little Rock for such a discussion, then consider the matter closed and so inform your mother. Despite the horrid mistakes I have made down through the years, I have managed^X to sustain the dependants to the point at which they should become independant; the birds out of the nest routine, you know.

The long and short of the entire thing is simply this: Barbara has told me the great contempt that her present husband has for me and the advice he is giving his step-children relative to those thoughts. Please don't misunderstand; N.D. Smith is a great proctologist and I do mean great. In addition he is a fine guy; fair, objective, informed to the point that few others can tell him what to do in his specialty, and above all is inexorably honest. Now if you have the sense you were born with you'd know such qualifications are hard to beat.

I share your disappointment re. your
entrance exam but have full confidence
in your ability to rectify this if you
have the desire.

Am most anxious for you to
keep me posted and would truly appreciate
your communicating with Scott for me.
My message; please have him get his foot
off his lower lip, unbow his rigid neck,
and get in touch with me — preferably
by a personal visit — why don't the three
of you come up here together and soon? It's
important to all of us I think — extremely
important.

Love,

P.S. If you come, bring swim suits. Dad

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