

Glen Rose 8/18/82

Dear Scott and Stuart:

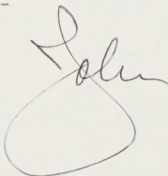
A good and fruitful visit it was, as was appropriate in the presence of all that accumulated beauty.

Rather than just listing here the points we mentioned, I have incorporated them into the enclosed rough-draft letter contract, a relatively informal but binding form of agreement that seems to have become common in recent years. Of course we need to know more about probable schedules, etc., before we complete and sign anything, and I do not present this as the ultimate form the agreement has to take. But it does cover all the main points and possibilities as I see them. Much of the phraseology, particularly in standard clauses, comes from other contracts I've signed elsewhere.

When we're all sure we're satisfied with terms and when we have a clear idea as to dates and so on, we can either polish this up and execute it, or if you wish you can carry it to a lawyer for revamping in a perhaps more legalistic form. I have a strong feeling of good faith on both sides and am not itchy about this, though I do agree with you that it all ought to be down in writing and have tried to incorporate everything here -- including even your generous offer of a free book for me, which I would not have demanded but am delighted with.

Will hope to see you all again soon, either there or here. The trouble with here is that it's pure dogdays and I lose all ambition and damned nearly all coherence after about 1:00 p. m. That, however, will pass with the season in its time.

Thrive --

A handwritten signature, likely "John", written in dark ink. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'J' and a trailing flourish.