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Mr. R. V. Harris
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Dear Mr. Harris:,

I have delayed answering your letter of July 6th for two reasons. First I was not able to spare the funds to pay the Taxes on Oak until now and second I had hoped to be able to visit Nova Scotia this year. Now I find that I can spare the funds and I am arranging payment as outlined in the attached letter. Also I find very definitely that I cannot plan to visit Nova Scotia at least until next Summer and of course a visit even then will depend greatly on the course of the War.

I am still employed at the Development Division of Curtiss-Wright Corporation as Controller of the Division and I am thankful to be able to say that I have shown considerable progress this past year. As far as I can see at the moment both my job and my good fortune have every appearance of continuing. Three of the children are now in the Service: Gilbert Jr. in the Navy on a Destroyer Escort on convoy duty; Barbara in the Army Nurse Corps waiting overseas orders and Norman in training in the Army in Florida in an Infantry Replacement Battalion. Harriet is working in Virginia and Gene is here at home with us. So far no real troubles and no casualties.

I hear from Hamilton occasionally but he is very busy and has apparently no plans to consider until the War is settled. Blair I have not heard from in some time. Dauphinee wrote me the other day that he had sold his property and was moving to Toronto Nov 1st. I believe the sale was to a gentleman from Halifax though what his name is or what his plans are for the property, were not disclosed. All of my stuff is stored on the shore near Western Shore and should be quite safe until I need it again. A former helper of mine, William Adams, visits the island now and then to check on the buildings and to keep them in repair. It seems a very long time since I have seen you or my beloved island and I can assure you that a trip in that area and a renewal of friendships is my very first objective when it is in any way possible.

I hope that everything is well with you and your family. If you have the opportunity, drop me a line and let me know how you are.

Sincerely

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