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Dear Don,

For the first time in a long time yesterday I was able to phone Dave Polland when he was at a phone. This letter is a result of our conversation.

Dave knows of major studio interest in the subject and believes this property is now of considerable potential. He wonders, as I do, why nobody has been in touch with him, as promised, and why, once what you said was the only real problem, insurance, ~~the insurance problem was settled~~ was settled, there has been no contact offered.

It is now more than the two weeks your last card said this would require. It is more than a month since your call in which you said some corporate executive would be phoning Dave within a week. And the entire matter is about eight months old.

I can understand that there can be situations and problems that I may not be aware of or understand. However, you have not informed me of any. Other developments cause disquiet.

I deal honorably and I keep my word. You asked for my rights and I regard myself bound by my verbal agreement, subject to agreement in writing. I have in all this time made no other effort to sell this nor have I authorized Dave to. But I can't let this drag on indefinitely and frankly, I can't understand why from your account to Dave and me and your later explanations about insurance, it has. If there is something of which I am not aware, would you please explain it to Dave promptly? You know back in the spring, when we met on this, you said coming to an agreement would be a matter of a couple of weeks at most.

If you cannot perform, please let us know and what the problems are. I will then follow Dave's advice. This long delay is hurtful to me and I do want to run no unnecessary risks.

One of these you know about, the apparent Wakeford-Orloff effort to take my property. They appear to have had Dave Lifton busily engaged in lifting and duplicating what he can. I wrote them about this long ago. Recently Dave has phoned and written to Jim Lesar. In his account he has also been in touch with you or someone with whom you are connected. While what I know of Lifton does not persuade me that everything he says has to be exactly as he says, I think you can understand that this adds to my uneasiness about this entire matter. So, how about laying it all out to Dave Polland as soon as you can so we can all know where we stand and what the interest of each of us requires. If you have forgotten it, his number is NAB-7384. He has an answering service and will respond. The one time I could not reach him a switch had not been thrown.

New developments make this, in my view, an even more valuable property. I have not made any effort to update you on them because until our relationship is formalized there seems to be no need for the time.

I will be seeing Dave on other matters as soon as we can find the time, when we are both free at the same time. So, I would appreciate it if you or the one you long ago said would did straighten everything out with him as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

cc:Dave Polland