

1661 Post Street

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Dearest Henri,

Have had lots of men looking at house these few weeks, and all sincere ones seem to agree that the structure is unsound, that at time of sale Bk of Am. appraiser should have made true statement as to condition of house, all of which existed at that time and for at least five yrs prior, that we paid too much in its condition. For repair of structural damage, all caused due to neglect, mostly of cracks & paiting, allowing water to enter, which means rotting of timber, walls, plaster, all these must be renewed. This means 10-12,000 dollars, with no new kitchen or baths.

Some reccomend we sell at loss in present state, some say get a non-permit hush-hush job on it and pawn it off if we can cover the apparent parts up. Another says sell it as is, for you are only trading money for property if you put anything into it to make it salable. If you fix it to live in for ten yrs, it'll take 10-12,000 to fix it, and we'll never get our money back, bec. the kitchen and baths are out-moded, and costlier houses are preferred in the Pac. Heights dist. or Sea Cliff locations. Since you will be home soon, I am going to leave these things as is., but we should make our decisions soon. I know we talked about it before, a lot, but some of the men say that once they touch it, the city inspector will make us do a lot more, and may even tell us to raise the whole house, as it is underground in some places, with the dirt starting part-way up the wall, the foundation being way below surface. Once a permit is taken out to re-do some parts of the house, the inspector can be nasty mean and make you toe the line.

The stairs to the basement with the low ceiling, the low ceiling at the john by the kitchen, the coridor there to the back porch, etc, they say is all bootlegged in. The downstairs rooms they say are all do-it-yourself type work and all illegal, as ceiling hieght is only 7-4 inches and minimum should be 8 ft. So we have to say it is storage, playroom, etc. and get the beds out if the inspector gets out there. It is impossible to work outside without permit, bec, they say the property is so prominently located, not a small cottage in an alley.

Painting is the major job there, and will cost us about 3,000 which will include puttying of window glass, filling cracks, burning, sandblasting, and painting. One man, Portman, Jr. son of Portman Mills, and a contracotr, said all the stucco needed to be knocked off as we had 5-6 loads of stucco to be hauled off to dumps. Stucco patching always showed, as new stucco is rough, old section worn down & filled up with paint, impossible to patch and not have it show, and all three walls and part of fourth needed extensive replacement, so no point in patching & sell it for less when we decide to sell. He thought he could do it all for around 10,000 included inside paint. I'd like to make it beautiful, live in it, sell it for the most we can get for it which means loss, as we must face it as experience. Tax advantage may enter in, I don't know. It needs discussion, maybe with an expert, on taxes. Partly office expense, we should do, too.

Today is about the seventh fine day we have had. Sunny, and wonderful. Have withheld rent at warehouse due to adjustments we will be claiming against the water damage to owners on screen paper, that developed brown rings due to moisture. Ins. inspectors say bldg old, neglected, therefore water damage not covered, at warehouse. While weather holds up, we should have any work done. Foggy in July. So much for the house, the warehouse, etc.

About your thigh. Is it any better, or arrested, I mean? If it is getting progressively worse, I am afraid of cancer or something, so we should have it attended. JUST TALKED TO DR. KEY BY PHONE, HE SAYS NO, IT WILL NOT BE CANCEROUS. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO OR THREE THINGS HE COULD HAVE DONE FOR YOU BEFORE YOUR TRIP KNOWING YOU HAD TO GO, BUT WE COULDN'T MAKE THE CONNECTIONS TO GET YOU TO GO. HE SAYS HE IS TREATING A STEWRDESS ON JAPAN AIR LINES WHO SAYS THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD DERMOTOLOGISTS IN TOKYO AND HE RECOMMENDS YOU GO TO ONE IN ORDER TO GET ATTENTION & BE ABLE TO CONTINUE YOUR TRIP SUCCESSFULLY, AND HE WILL HELP YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK AND FOR ME TO CABLE YOU RIGHT AWAY THAT DR. KEY RECOMMENDS TOKYO DERMOTOLOGIST AT ONE OF THE BEST HOSPITALS, THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL GOOD ONES HE DOESN'T KNOW THE NAMES OF. You can telephone Dr. Kumabe of the Kanda Tuberculosis Hospital bearing his name. Remember the short little man who was so nice? Dr. Tomio Ogata was the other man, taller one who was editor of the J. Med. Assog. Journal. They'd recommend you, I'm sure. I'm sort of favoring Dr. Kumabe. He's recipient of J'S Top Scientists Award winner last year. Congratulate him. Living Nat'l Treasure or some award like that. TB surgery expert of the world. He'll rec. dermatologis

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MOSTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

2/ Will you do that for me? It may be the best thing you've done. I know you hate to use the time that way, but it isn't worth risking it'd progressive worsening. If it would help to have me go to relieve some of the footwork and it would be a solution, I could arrange to fly over, but I don't think the two of us doubling up there would help, and that my going over later would do more good.

Will you go to get a doctor's help, if you haven't already? Probably the hotel's recommendation would be awfully high priced if they came to see you, so you should contact Dr. Kumabe, and if he's not there, you should explain that you saw him often as a friend in San Francisco all the time he was here in the city, some 4-6 mos. and that you would like to have a famous good and best dermatologist hifu-byoo no senmon-i (i meaning isha) to see your thigh. And someone there, you should talk to Dr. Kumabe-no-tsugi-no- sensei meaning next in imp. to him. If they come to the hotel, they wouldn't charge as much, or if you went by cab, it would do you a whole lot of good to get some help. How is it now? Is the increasing warmth of weather and perhaps humidity making it worse, as well as the irritation due to scratching and rubbing of fabric across the gauze? You could put perforated vinyl or cellophane

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SECOND FOLD

3/ over the gauze to take the friction off, also the perforation will allow it to breathe. Norman took fifth in the last run-off, and ran also in the 100yd dash. We sold over \$200 in retail today, Sat. Dry weather is very good. Far East is est. acct. w. Fill-Post, Ichikawa LC went out. Serizawa has Northwest design I got fr. Mkt St. office, about the size of the original which got lost; sent 18th. Shibata Obisha wrote he's waiting see you 24th, LC amend; no ship. Dinner tonight for Warren at TaoLeeYon. P and N going. Warren should be coming soon as he suggested 6 pm as the time. Going to Belvedere later. Warren just phoned me. They'll be at the Montgy st side ready at 6:30 I'll pick them up. Table resrved for 6:30 so we'll be the last ones there, but it's OK. Will&M will meet us there. I'm packing a little gift for Warren (calendar) and for his wife Mary? a J. purse to take back. They leave tomorrow, for LA & back to Phila. & want us to come see them this summer. He is sure impressed with our Benz & Cad. I'll mail to them a collection of TTCO things as he & his wife drooled over everything. About \$15 worth. Clian know Alex Imports well, & they send us customers who plan to visit SF. Recognised Sig Cut in magazines as my signature, he said, concluding we would prob. so this sort of business as suited to our taste. Norman's boy's club met at home last nite, went home at 8:45. Nice boys. I went to sumi lessons with Aki, gave her a driving lesson. Love,