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Darling Mims:

I got down from the River last night by plane and find the heat of New York rather overwhelming compared to Whiskey Island.

I tried to get you on the telephone but was told you would not be back until later this evening, so I think it worthwhile to put down in a letter the various messages Mummie wanted me to give you.

Mummie has arranged everything to permit you to stay at Whiskey Island from the time we leave on August 22nd until after Labor Day; that is, that Eva Couture, the cook, has agreed to stay on and also Patricia Burkhart, the young kitchen maid. Joyce Wood, Jenny's nurse, and Ann Philippi, the waitress, will not stay on and Patricia Burkhart must report for high school on September 3rd. We are taking Ann Carter down to New York enroute to Yarmouthport with us when we leave on August 22nd, as Mummie feels that you would prefer to be alone with your family on the Island without that dynamo. We will pay the wages of Eva and Patricia until they leave, but we would expect you to pay for food, gasoline, etc. after we leave, and of course we will pay Paul's wages and Alice Carnegie's work for closing the house.

Your children are in fine form and Mummie is especially enchanted by Jenny and so am I. That doesn't mean that we are not enjoying your David, but I must confess that he and Annie together make rather an overwhelming combination, as they insist on having something to do every minute and it is rather hard to make them stick to their reading assignments, which involves a good deal of nagging. David has already finished reading seven out of his ten books and has prepared reports on five, which is pretty good. He and I went out fishing twice in Buck Bay where Johnny Morgan had been having wonderful luck in the evenings, but we got nothing unfortunately. He loves sailing, which is pleasant. He is at present being employed by Tony Frissel (Mac Bacon's wife), who is spending several days on Watch Island taking pictures for an article she is preparing for SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. She is going to pay David ten dollars a day to fetch and carry for her and run an outboard, so you can imagine how delighted he is.

We have been having passionate tennis every morning, mostly family. Shirley and Mummie kept beating David and Ann and finally even Mummie and I succeeded in doing this, somewhat to the dismay of the young people.

Now I want to find out definitely from you what your plans are. In other words, can we count on your coming back to us on August 10th? I do hope so, and that Phil will be able to be with us too before we leave. I am making railroad reservations for Eva Couture the night of September 4th, as that is as long as she wants to stay. Will that be all right by you? We are so flattered that you want to stay on at Whiskey, and I am sure you will have a happy time there, and it will anyway be a useful experience for you to operate the Island.

With much love,

Daddy

P. S. As to the accident to "Pan," it really wasn't David's fault, although he did drive the boat too fast in that rough sea, which Mummie didn't want him to go out in anyway. "Pan" is being patched up and should be functioning this week and I have limited her use to water skiing in smooth water.

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