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Dear Nannie -

Received your and Stan's letter of May 15, with  
Laird & Co checks and mine enclosed, and thank you  
for efficient services rendered. As you suggest I  
am sending herewith a signed form which is supposed  
to give Stan power of attorney to sell American  
Stores. Hope it is usable. The Bank only told me  
to put in Stan's name on the second line but I  
put it in twice to be sure.

It would be a pleasant and unusual experience  
to sell some time at a profit. But I guess you  
can't count too much on any broker power of  
propaganda. I noticed that a week after  
sale of Ann Roll, Mills & Math alkali, these  
stocks also went up 2 and 3 points - higher  
than they've been since I've had 'em - I believe.

And am obliged muchly for your checking  
on the state of drawings from Toledo.

The housing project at Menlo Park is not a  
job but a possible housing solution for myself.  
You know that for some while I've been consider  
Menlo Park as the most advantageous local  
for head quarters that I can think of. Morgan  
Partridge calls it an elegant location and  
proposition. But my friend Wilson writes that  
he's known of it for some its investigation -  
and makes no further comments - evidently  
not much impress - and when I realistically

contemplate living in a planned co-operative housing group, I realize that I might achieve respectability - the least of my ambitions and not much else. So I continue to hesitate.

Mere wants to know if the Eastern Handforths are again being secretive about some such thing as atomic energy or is it studied reticence design to pick ~~them~~ (the Sheras) into writing them? Aunt Florie is going to visit them late in June after going to Ellsworth in Portland.

Yesterday at the big Hollywood Dog Show one of "our" Pinchers, <sup>Ajax Kama von Kleinbock</sup> ~~was~~ best of breed and a very elegant tea service as trophy. Mrs. Parks left last Thursday for a six weeks trip East - to, among other things, her class (1901) reunion at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y. We miss her excellent cooking and still better wit.

My days are quiet - too quiet perhaps as I seem to be going into a sleeping coma.

All the best

Love

Tom

If a small package come for me from G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York please hold it.

T.H.