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March 22, 1954.

Dr. Eugene Forsey, Island Park Hotel, Parksville, B. C.

My dear Eugene:

So you are out in the West. Max has apparently decided, after consideration, to hand me your letter of March 19th. Do not for a moment think that I would be influenced against you by anything on earth that the late John Farthing could say, nor for that matter that anyone could say. To tell the truth, though, I only read Farthing's screed a certain distance and stopped then forever. I asked Miss Edmondson to write the woman who enclosed it in a letter to me, saying it was received and was being returned to her at once.

After reading two or three pages, I understood better some impressions I had received of Farthing from others.

The reason I put my last letter in the form I did was because it is nearly always wrong to make a vague and unlimited promise of help. Having learned from his brother Hugh that he had always found it impossible to finish any considerable job, I knew it was necessary to have some limit to the promise.

If he said anything about you in the letter, I did not get that far. It would not have mattered the slightest if I had. I do not know anyone for that matter who could in any degree abate the esteem in which I hold you.

Yours sincerely,

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