

Box 179,  
Beaver, West Virginia.  
August 27, 1946.

Mr. L. S. Gwinn,  
2726 First Avenue,  
Huntington, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Gwinn:

Yes, I'll be down at the farm, as you suggest, the first week in September--early in the week---to fix up the details of purchasing your farm.

But I hope you'll let me drive you to Fayetteville, to get cash or a certified check, from Mahan and White. They represent the party who is furnishing part of the money. You see, I bought two houses and 25 building lots in Beckley, last week, so I found myself a little short of cash, and had to borrow a little. That doesn't affect our deal at all---you get your money just the same.

The road down the mountain is going to be a good one. It will come <sup>through</sup> to Terry. It is about 2-3 finished. It has already cost more than \$1,000. The coal company has agreed to pay \$400. Your promise to pay \$100 toward the cost was appreciated; and if you feel like adding a little to it, when you see the road, it will be helpful. There is an excellent chance that the government will put red dog on it; and in any case the State Road Commission has promised to maintain it. The bulldozer costs \$10 per hour; but we have struck such heavy rock, several times, it was needful to drill and dynamite; this cost \$4.00 per hour. I think the total cost will run about \$1500.

I think I can get you a renter or a buyer for your house, too, if you wish.

With my regards to you and your family, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Marshall Allington*