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Cause and effect. The accountants blame their withholding of the final estate account on the family trustee [cause] and the family trustee loses the trust of his family [effect].

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August 16, 1985

Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell, Executrix
Estate of Harold M. O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, Virginia 22150

Re: Estate of Harold M. O'Connell

Dear Mrs. O'Connell:

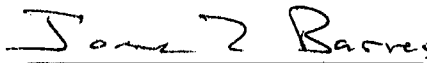
Your son requested that I furnish him copies of the Court Accountings that had been filed for the Estate. I have sent them on to him today. I am also enclosing a copy of the schedule which I believe reflects the fraction of the estate's one-half interest in each property to which you and the Trust are entitled.

If the transfers are made in these percentages, you would then own 56.475% of each property (50% owned individually plus 12.95% of one-half interest of the estate) and the Trust would own 43.525% of each property. If you and the Trust chose at some time in the future to exchange all or part of an interest in a property, I believe it should be done based on the then current fair market value of the properties. In such case, I would recommend that you have the properties appraised by a qualified real estate appraiser.

With regards to your request that I serve as co-trustee of the Trust with your son, I regret that I must decline to be either co-trustee or act as agent to receive notices and processes for him.

Please call me and we can discuss this further.

Very truly yours,


Joanne L. Barnes

JLB:jsp
cc: Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell
2337 South Thirteenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

ESTATE OF HAROLD M. O'CONNELL

COMPUTATION OF PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN TRUST

PROBATE ASSETS:

1/2 interest - residence	\$ 40,681
1/2 interest - Accotink	37,500
605 shares, Washington Mutual	6,709
220 shares, New Virginia	1,953
Refund	5
Overpayment of Virginia tax	57
Cash	3,245
	<u>\$ 90,150</u>

PAYABLE TO WIFE DIRECTLY:

Cash POD	\$ 16,541
Life insurance	14,918
Jointly owned property	13,902
Personal property	500
U. S. Civil Service	1,381
Annuity	16,338
	<u>\$ 63,580</u>

Gross estate per return	\$153,986
Funeral expenses, etc., per return	5,372
Net estate	<u>\$148,614</u>
Federal estate and Virginia inheritance tax	2,225
Net estate	<u>\$146,389</u>
Less property passing directly to wife	63,580
Net probate estate	<u>\$ 82,809</u>
Marital deduction	\$74,307
Less passing directly	<u>63,580</u>
	(12.95% wife's share) <u>10,727</u>
Residuary estate	(87.05% Trust share) <u>\$ 72,082</u>

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December 4, 1985

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell
2337 South 13th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Re: Estate of Harold M. O'Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I received the message you left for me last Friday afternoon which was repeated in your letter of November 29. Mrs. O'Connell is the lifetime beneficiary of the Trust under which you will be acting. She is therefore entitled as a matter of right, to use the property which constitutes the corpus of the Trust. I have a great deal of concern over taking a position that she must pay for the right to use the Trust property. This is particularly true since she is a co-tenant in her own right, owning 53.810%. As such, she has a right to occupy the property irrespective of the Trust provisions.

As things have been proposed, it would not be necessary for you and Mr. Higham to be in Court at the same time as Mrs. O'Connell. In the event no agreement is reached, there will inevitably come a time when a confrontation in Court must take place. I continue to believe this can be avoided.

If we are unable to reach an agreement, I fear that Mrs. O'Connell will contest your request to act as Trustee. The questions will then have to be determined by the Court. I don't know the nature of your disagreement with her but it seems clear

that there is a direct conflict between you and her. I frankly doubt that the Court would permit you to serve as Trustee in view of that conflict. I believe your failure to agree that sums advanced by Mrs. O'Connell to pay real estate taxes due on trust property could lead to the kind of confrontation we have been trying to avoid. From the figures you gave me with respect to the value of the real estate, the small amount of tax payments would not seem to be very important. I think you ought to reconsider your position with respect to these taxes. Please review this question and let me know your decision.

Sincerely,



Henry C. Mackall

HCM/jkw

*P.S. Enclosed is a redrafted agreement for your review.
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EDWARD J. WHITE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
118 SOUTH ROYAL STREET
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TELEPHONE 836-5444

January 24, 1986

Mrs. Jean O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, VA 22150

Dear Mrs. O'Connell:

I spoke to Mr. Mackall on January 22nd as to the causes of the delay in obtaining the agreement from your son.

He stated that he had had several discussions with your son and they ironed out some minor details, and that the agreement being sent to Anthony to be signed on that date.

As soon as I receive it, I will review it and forward it to you for your signature. As soon as that is done, we can proceed to wrap up the rest of the Estate.

I spoke to Mr. John McEnearney of McEnearney & Associates, Realtors, and he will contact you concerning putting a value on your property.

Mr. McEnearney has been highly recommended to me by another appraiser, and the advantage of this approach is that you will not incur a large appraisal fee. However, there is no question that putting an appraisal price on this property will be most difficult in view of the numerous variables which might be encountered by a prospective buyer, especially zoning permits, etc.

I will be in touch with you as further developments occur.

Sincerely,


Edward J. White

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TELEPHONE 836-5444

January 27, 1986

Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell
6541 Franconia Road
Springfield, Va 22150

Re: Estate of Harold A. O'Connell

Dear Mrs. O'Connell:

At long last we have a signed Agreement concerning the funding of the Trust. The Agreement is enclosed.

The only difference between this Agreement and the previous agreement which I had drafted is the change in the percentage of ownership between you and the Trusts. Originally, Ms. Barnes had computed the ownership of the Trust at 43.525. She and Mr. Mackall and I now agree that the figures should be 46.0994. The Agreement also contains a provision in paragraph 5 that if the property is sold during your life, that you will be reimbursed for the principal of all real estate taxes on that property.

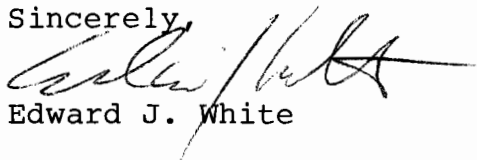
Mr. O'Connell was unwilling to agree to pay interest on the real estate tax advancements. While I am at a loss to understand his attitude, I am of the opinion that we would be best served by signing the Agreement as is.

Ms. Barnes has computed that through 1984 you paid taxes in the amount of \$13,841.24.

Please sign the Agreement and return it to me as soon as possible, and I will forward it to Mr. Mackall for the Co-Trustees' signature and filing with the Commissioner of Accounts. At that point the trust will then be funded and the responsibility for filing accounts and inventories will be that of the Trustees.

We can then have Ms. Barnes complete the final accounting for the Estate and the matter will be closed.

Sincerely,



Edward J. White

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Enclosures

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March 12, 1986

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell
2337 South Thirteenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Re: Estate of Harold A. O'Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I have your letter of March 3, 1986. In Virginia there is no such thing as revising real estate deeds under the situation involving your father's estate. I thought I had adequately covered this in one of my earlier letters. Under the Will, the property passed to the Trustees directly. The trustees, however, have not qualified and therefore cannot be said to own the property. As soon as they qualify the property will retroactively be deemed to be owned by the Trustees. I wish you would come East so that you and Mr. Higham can appear in the Clerk's Office and qualify as Trustees. Only then will a receipt signed by the two of you showing the property to have been received be effective. At that point a final account can be filed by the Executrix who has actually had nothing to do with the real estate except by reason of the failure of the Trustees to qualify. I fail to see that there is anything needed other than for you and Mr. Higham to qualify as Trustees and for Mr. Higham to sign the agreement.

I am going to forward Mr. Higham a copy of this letter with the request that he sign the agreement and return it to me. As soon as you both qualify I will deliver it to Mr. White. Since the matter has been worked out in such a satisfactory way I think you should do what you must to conclude it.

Sincerely,



Henry C. Mackall

HCM/jkw

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April 25, 1986

Henry C. Mackall, Esquire
4031 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Re: Estate of Harold M. O'Connell

Dear Mr. Mackall:

Enclosed is the draft by Ms. Barnes of the Final Accounting.

I have taken the liberty of correcting a typographical error on the distributions to reflect 53.9006% vice 3.9006%.

I would appreciate it if you would forward this to Mr. O'Connell and clarify with him his intention to qualify on May 1st.

If he does not agree or requests further delaying tactics, I feel that I have no other recourse in serving my client than to seek to have him removed as a Trustee. This matter is costing Mrs. O'Connell dearly with the delay.

Sincerely,


Edward J. White

EJW/mc

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Jean O'Connell ✓

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May 27, 1986

The Honorable Robert J. McCandlish, Jr.
Commissioner of Accounts
Fairfax County
4069 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Re: Estate of Harold A. O'Connell
Fiduciary No. 21840

Dear Mr. McCandlish:

I represent Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell, Executor of the captioned Estate. Mrs. O'Connell received your notice letter of May 16, 1986, concerning the delinquent account.

The accounting in this case has been prepared by Mrs. O'Connell's accounting firm. This accounting will be a second and final accounting. However, the will established a trust and Mrs. O'Connell's son has been most difficult in coming to terms on qualifying as trustee of the trust. Both Mr. Henry Mackall, who represents the trustee, and I have been working diligently on this case.

In order to prevent my client from incurring double bills from her accountant and increased other fees, I would respectfully request a short extension of the accounting period so that the trustee can qualify and this matter may be completely closed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Edward J. White

EJW/mc

cc: Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell ✓

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