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May 20, 1971

Dear Murray:

Thanks much for sending me a copy of your letter to Ted Cunningham. I had not known you were to be imposed upon by the revised ISLAND YEAR. I had asked Patsy to send you the final chapter. I was nervous about this.

Thanks, too, of course, for your very kind words about the book. I suspect they will be quoted when promotions start.

Obviously we share a reservation about some of the early portion of the main text. When Patsy asked me if I were satisfied with the revision, I told her, "Fairly so except for the early part, which seems awkward." In view of your comment, I have written her asking if she suggests I re-revise some of that portion.

I have not seen your SKID ROAD paperback. Ballantines keep sending gratis books (which practice I like) including 100 copies of ISLAND... which must be circulating. I get letters from all over. I loved THE BEARS AND I poster. Liked the book, though I did not believe it all.

I have revised THE INCOMPLEAT FARRIER again but don't know what I will do with it. It has only been seen by Luther Nichols (first draft) and Lippincott (where it had some votes). I think there's a book there. It may need more work. To me, it seems better than the Island books.

Did you know that Ann Johnston and her husband Harold (the couple who adopted the black girl and the three Indians) (Rosa has met Ann) are the people at Kent who offered to care for the oil spill birds from Anacortes? Harold and Ann have a wonderful marsh. When I saw in the Trib that a four-day rummage sale was in progress in Kent to raise money for the Wild Bird clinic, I sent Ann autographed copies of my paperback to peddle for the cause.

Your newscasts are coming in clearly again. Earle thoroughly approved your comment in re the city council salaries.

Our development devastation continues here. I wrote the state department of ecology about all those septic tanks around our two little lakes but received no reply. Did you know that Dick Larson is Mr. Baskett's grandson? Dick's mother lives here and we see Dick often.

Love to Rosa and Lane, too,

Hazel

Nothing has been done about art for ISLAND YEAR so far as I know. Patsy suggested a color photo frontispiece and then line drawings. I am leaving it up to them.

May 30, 1971

Dear Mary:

Thanks much for sending me a copy of your letter to Ted and
nina. I had not known you were to be tagged upon by the
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Love to Boss and Jane, too,
Mary

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am leaving it up to them.