

July 9th 1982
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My Dear Cliff

It was lovely to get your letter of 14th of last month - the marvellous fine summer weather & all thru the shortest day - & still with us, & can't understand it - but do enjoy it - long may it last. Well I know it is a crying shame re the loss of Beach property, but what can a body do? Seems you get it joy of joys - then you have to part with it, the rates etc, electricity & water laid on - the council say so - & you pay for it - sanitation fixed - I had to sell, the upkeep was murderous - Oh for the candle & lamp, & pots of tank water & a smelly privy down the back yard gone are the days - & the time of plain living when we could hear

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the cock pheasants crow & the lark miles up in the sky — then there were cows over the fence & mushrooms & we had our dear boys with us, now nothing — a few bob in the bank but we hanker for what was — Clara & Tina, mixed like oil & water I don't think either wanted to bury hatchet. Their Plimmerton house was 4 rooms. 2 each, Tina the back 2 & Clara the front 2. there was a fire place in the outer S corner. The Hokio house belonged to Rich & Tina, 3 rooms & a decent dwelling. I believe it ended its days, falling forward, due to sand erosion & was sold, I suppose as is where is, I've no idea who bought it. The Jim Prouses owned a section, flat land no, building — too mean — & Parker's had a very nice cottage

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sorry that you couldnt manage to pick up the plate, but these jobs usually are first class worries. describe it & I might some time see something sometimes auction warts etc have a few treasures. I left a vase there
↳ deep royal blue with gold
↳ finishing spray. The
last time I lent a hand to clean Beach house (for the incoming tenant Curse them) I had a chill in bladder this became terribly worse & I spent 2 weeks abed all thru Xmas & New Year too sick to even look at Christmas fare
It would not have been the Pentons who bought it, I think they shifted away to Utah during the first war. No, they were not scroungers but thankfully accepted what was handed to them, Elsie was a very nice woman & had plenty grey matter. Strange you should mention

the lack of ⁴visitations from the Spirit
world, Dick told me he has had
none, & I have had none, for
quite a long time now, I don't know
why, that makes 3 of us. I will try
to contact our resident medium at
a not too far distant time, but at

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present it is so frightfully cold a
body cant undo itself. Thomas
sleeps inside all day & all night
too. There have been rather
heavy frosts but the beautiful
day tend to make us forget-
however "Summer" is getting
closer. June has been doing a bit
of gardening. The blooming grass
never seems to get knocked back.
not much by way of news Caff
I hope you are both well, with
love to John & Tammie, and to your
dear self. Phil