

October 24, 1999

Dear Arne,

Many thanks for your recent letter, with attachments, that I received just about two weeks ago. It is good to hear the latest news about happenings "over there", and that life continues. I might add that we had a small earthquake here in Massachusetts also one early morning, about 2.5 on the scale. It sounded like a plane going through the sound barrier, the characteristic shock wave rattling the house just before I got up.

As I stated in my last letter, I did visit with Karen and her family in Rocky Mount for a few days at the end of September. The flood damage there after hurricane Floyd was really catastrophic, the high water level came to within a few blocks of Karen's home. Many of her neighbors had fallen trees, some on top of their houses, to contend with. Entire shopping areas were under water, the same with parking areas for school busses and Coka-cola trucks. Karen and Johnny were really lucky! Since then they have had additional rainfall from two more storms, with some repeat flooding. Even here in Sudbury we have now had a total rainfall that exceed the norm for the year.

With regard to Kristiannaustet, your attorney's suggested procedure seem to be ok on the surface. But we are not ready to proceed in that direction as yet. A future possibility might be to argue our ownership of "naustet" on the basis that neither your mother nor Julie Daae were rightful heirs of Kristian Monsen according to Norwegian law. As I stated in my last letter, we want some concrete precedence or factual cases before going ahead as your attorney suggest.

Since I last wrote you I have received a proposed rental agreement, signed by Turid Daae Soltvedt, from her attorney. It has no time limit imposed, nor termination arrangements. It also includes use of additional ground around Kristianhuset, right to take water from the well east of the house, and parking area rights. The accompanying letter requests that we not place any restrictions on the "naust"-lot rental, i.e., that it be contingent upon Arne Nordø also have rights there. It appears that she intend to take over "naustet" entirely, and to that extent I enclore a portion of an earlier letter that I received from her attorney.

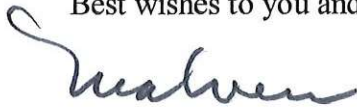
NB | My (our) suggestion is that you use Kristiannaustet in the same manner as you have done for more than 50 years now, as long as it is still standing there, in the belief (as it has been ours) that you own half of it. Let Turid then take the first *legal* step, i.e., get a court decree that she is the sole owner, and thus have the right to exclude your usage.

We (the Arnum family) have not signed any lease or rental agreements with Turid to use any part of Snekkeviken. Our cousin Johan has a written agreement to use our house there, with surrounding areas, as well as having a rowboat or a motorboat perhaps, and

space for car parking. Ole Gjerde has written permission to take down a limited number of trees, and Margrethe Askerhaug has written permission to use certain areas for experimental ecological farming. Any other usage of Snekkeviken, by anyone, must be considered as "tålt bruk", subject to termination upon a moment's notice. For more than 50 years this has been the case with Kristiannaustet, until Turid started to stir things up. We would have been happy to continue same for a few more years, but now we are resolved to put and end to the "hazzle". Enough said!

We are now looking forward to Thanksgiving. The turkey will be roasted and eaten at Anita's home, all prepared by chef Michael. Another couple (Norwegian) will be with us, but this year we will miss Karen and family. They will be visiting with us for Christmas this year – Karen has missed being with us for several years now. I hope that there will be some snow for my grandsons to experience!

Best wishes to you and your family,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Magnus".

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