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Dear Doctor:-

Your letter received and noted. Please say to Mr. Newman that Wootie does not want to be bothered at this time relative to a sale of the house in Maysville, on account of Father's condition. That when conditions are such that she feels she can give proper attention and consideration to the same, she will then be willing to see him and discuss the matter with him, but is not willing to do so at this time. The idea is to play him in such a way as not to let him entirely get away from the proposition, but at the same time give him no specific encouragement that she is going to make the trade.

I have been able to work out this other situation in such a way that I can settle the same for \$ 50,000 to be paid within sixty days from today, and have signed contract to that effect. It may be that in raising this money within that time it will be necessary to make the trade with Newman, but I do not want to do this, if I can avoid it. I am of the opinion that I will sell Penngrade and Midas within the next few days and if I do, that will give me more than that amount of cash; if I dont do that, then I have a friend at Huntington, whose sister-in-law has lately come into \$ 200,000 and I believe I can borrow \$ 40,000 from her; if not, then I am going to try one of the Trust Company's or Insurance Company at Cincinnati for the amount, say on a five years basis; and if I cant get it from them, then I will have to get it in smaller amounts from several banks, which I have no doubt but that we will be able to do. On account of Father's condition I thought I had best make this settlement, rather than to continue to fight out the matter with them. Have a meeting at Huntington tomorrow with some parties who advise they are now ready to talk business on the Penngrade proposition.

Love from us all.