

August 17, 1985

Dear Everybody,

So far as I am concerned, the time has come to have the Pocono house appraised to establish a fair price, and to give up the joint ownership by "the McGee girls."

For many years, because the Heims have hung in there and continued their role as members-- even though they were not interested in being in the house during the season-- we have all been able to keep the house we all love.

But Alistair and I now feel that the house and its attendant problems have finally outgrown us.

When we can establish a fair price, I, for one, have no objection to the third generation, including all interested children, trying to come up with a plan to try to keep it in the family.

It is obvious that any decision about the disposal of the house must be agreed to by Frances, Jean, and Kitty and Liza, acting for Kay.

If a sale to an outsider is made, what shall be the terms? Shall it be fully furnished? Shall we, for instance, divide the Indian rugs? How about any other objects?

In the meantime, should we consider one of the following:

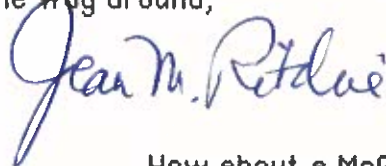
1. Repair the boathouse while the lake is down?
2. Tear down the boathouse?
3. Ignore the boathouse?

Can we assume that we should have a consensus before any more extensive repairs are done, or any final decisions made,-- with each family having one vote?

I shall really feel very sad to lose the place which has been so much a part of my life; and sweet Kay's refrain during her last few years up there comes back to me--"I hope there is some way our mother and father can know how much we have all loved this house."

The Heims agree that we should have an appraisal, so if Kitty and Liza and Mary, speaking for Kay, agree, say the word and let's get on with it.

Love all the way around,



Copies to: Heims
Peter and Abby
Kitty, Liza, and Mary
Dennis, Lynn, John, and Bill

How about a McGee Festival
some weekend in September?
Who wants to organize it?