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Purchase - Molter, Dorothy L. #3884

I made a personal call on Miss Molter at her Isle of Pines on Knife Lake on March 16, 1964 and again on April 13, 1964.

On March 16 she had not heard from her advisor concerning the offer I made on March 5, so we did not reach any conclusions.

On April 13 I was accompanied to Miss Molter's place by John J. Connelly, Assistant United States Attorney. I introduced Mr. Connelly, but I did not mention his position. Miss Molter and I discussed the purchase of her property and she told me she had been advised she did not have to sell and our offer was much too low. I specifically asked what she thought of our offer of \$2500 for her island on Snowbank Lake and she said this is a valuable island and she feels it is worth \$5000, and that is the only value she would sell it for.

I then asked what value she places on her Isle of Pine property and she gave me no direct answer. I said, "you mentioned once that it is worth \$100,000 to you", and she said, "yes, when I must sell that is what I feel it is worth and I will not consider selling for less. I can not rebuild my business in another place for what you are offering me for this place."

After my recent discussions with Miss Molter, I do not see how we are ever going to acquire her property through negotiation and I recommend we go ahead with condemnation. Mr. Connelly feels we must resort to condemnation after listening to my conversation with Miss Molter.

When I was leaving on April 13, Miss Molter made the statement that she does not especially like to see me come to visit her and that I am becoming sort of a pest with my frequent calls to discuss purchase. She says she likes to have visitors, but she does not like the reasons for my visits.

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