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# Family

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(Fund trust with parts of both lands [entangle])

# Family

#### ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL CONSERVATOR

#### 3337 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET ST. LOUIS. MISSOURI 63104

(\$14) 776-4826

June 18, 1984 5

Ms. Joan Barnes
Bruner, Kane and McCarthy
300 North Lee Street
P.O. Box 1250
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Ref: Estate of Harold A. O'Connell

Dear Ms. Barnes:

Thank you for your time and expertise in discussing the intended trust in the above estate.

Would you, as a Virginia resident and accountant for Mrs. Jean O'Connell, my mother and executor of the estate, accept the position of agent to receive notices and processes from the Court and Commissioner of Accounts concerning this trust?

The trust is to be funded from the assets now remaining in the estate inventory, ie., real estate. I would contest a cash substitution. The final estate filing should contain the entirety of the Springfield residence or the entirety of the Accotink property, which ever my Mother wishes to be placed in the trust.

Please advise me when the final estate filing is complete in order that I may schedule a trip to Fairfax and set up the trust.

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Anthony M. O'Connell

Trustee in the above estate

Copies to: Mrs Jean O'Connell
Mr. Jesse B. Wilson, III
Deputy Commissioner of Accounts



## ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL CONSERVATOR 2397 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET 61. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63104

(314) 776-4926

MR. Henry C. Markall 4031 CHAIN BRIDGE RD FAIRFAY, VIRGINIA 22030

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MS JUAN BARNES BRUNER, KANE AND Mc Carthy 200 North Lee Street P.O. BOX 1250 Alexandra, Virginia 22314 Tel (703) 549-7800

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### H. A. HIGHAM

6208 HIGHAM DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22310 PHONE 971-5200

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September 5, 1985

Mr. Tony O'Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Tony:

I am in receipt of and have made a preliminary review of the Estate papers of your father.

I have no problem with serving as co-trustee provided we see eye to eye on how the trust is to be funded. It would appear to me that, as is often the case, there is no "cash" to fund the trust. Therefore, several options are available to secure the trust's assets.

- A First would be to simply record the trusts interests in the real estate and divide the stock based on the vested interests of the trust.
- B Negotiate a trade of real estate based on current market values with your mother and settle the difference with the stock. This would give Mrs. O'Connell the properties of her residence and the trust, Accotink.
- C Forced liquidation, which I am opposed to.

If your goal is some part of A or B I will serve as Co-trustee -- implement the appraisals and negotiations as so directed. If your position is forced liquidation I would not wish to serve as co-trustee.

Please advise.

By the way my legal name is:

Herbert Anderson Higham
6208 Higham Drive
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-971-3129

H. A. Higham

Yours truly,

## ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL CONSERVATOR 2337 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63104

(314) 776-4926

September 12, 1985

Mr. Herbert Anderson Higham 6208 Higham Drive Alexandria, Virginia 22310

Re: Estate of H.A. O'Connell

Dear Andy:

Sorry about the mistakes in your name, address and telephone number. It has been corrected with the Commissioner of Accounts.

- •In response to your options mentioned in your letter of September 5, 1985:
  - C-Forced liquidation. No way. Never thought of it.

B-Trade of real estate. J.M. O"Connell and I were initially in agreement on this. She choose to put her residence in trust and the Accotink property totally in her name. Her accountant, Joanne Barnes, convinced her some where along the way to record the trust interest as is, ie., a portion of each property to be placed in the trust. I have no problem with this split.

A-Simple record the trust interest in the real estate. Choice of me and J.M. O'Connell. I am actively pursuing this option. Although it is slightly unwieldy, it does not require appraisals (dubious anyway) and avoids a source of contention from here and everafter on did the trust or J.M. O'Connell gain or lose.

Your letter reminded me that the best contribution I could make to my family with respect to this estate is having you as cotrustee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony & Connell

## Accountants

LAW OFFICES

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A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 4031 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

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22030

TELEPHONES (703) 273-0320 (703) 273-0321

June 25, 1985

Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Estate of Harold A. O'Connell

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

I received your letter with the enclosures regarding your father's estate and the trust referred to in the Will. From looking at the documents you sent me, it appears that the trust created by the Will was devised a 92.2% interest in each of the real estate interests included in the estate. Because the estate interest was only 50%, this would mean that the interest of the trust in each parcel of real estate is 46.1%. Your mother has apparently paid all of the real estate taxes from the date of your father's death and the trust would owe her 46.1% of those taxes. It seems to me that a final account would be very simple, merely reflecting the ownership percentages as distributions. No formal deed would be required. Obviously if either you or your mother wanted to sell, the other would have to agree. I notice from your letter to Joan Barnes you state that the trust should contain all of one or the other of the two properties. Is there some reason why you do not wish to have the 46.1% interest in each of the properties in the trust?

As soon as you advise me on this and on the response you receive from Ms. Barnes, I will have my associate, Amy Blanchard, contact your mother to see if we can't get this resolved.

Henry C Machall

ARTHUR J. BRUNER, C. P. A.

JOHN T. KANE, C. P. A.

DANIEL F, McCARTHY, C. P. A.

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS, C. P. A. (1977-1978)

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(703) 549-7800

August 16, 1985

Mrs. Jean M. O'Connell, Executrix Estate of Harold M. O'Connell 6541 Franconia Road Springfield, Virginia 22150

Re: Estate of Harold M. O'Connell

Dear Mrs. O'Connell:

Your son requested that I furnish him copies of the Court Accountings that had been filed for the Estate. I have sent them on to him today. I am also enclosing a copy of the schedule which I believe reflects the fraction of the estate's one-half interest in each property to which you and the Trust are entitled.

If the transfers are made in these percentages, you would then own 56.475% of each property (50% owned individually plus 12.95% of one-half interest of the estate) and the Trust would own 43.525% of each property. If you and the Trust chose at some time in the future to exchange all or part of an interest in a property, I believe it should be done based on the then current fair market value of the properties. In such case, I would recommend that you have the properties appraised by a qualified real estate appraiser.

With regards to your request that I serve as co-trustee of the Trust with your son, I regret that I must decline to be either co-trustee or act as agent to receive notices and processes for him.

Please call me and we can discuss this further.

Very truly yours,

Joanne L. Barnes

JLB: jsp

cc: Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell 2337 South Thirteenth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63104

## ESTATE OF HAROLD M. $\phi$ 'CONNELL

## COMPUTATION OF PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN TRUST

PROBATE ASSETS:		
1/2 interest - residence		\$ 40,681
1/2 interest - Accotink		37,500
605 shares, Washington Mutual		6,709
220 shares, New Virginia		1,953
Refund		5
Overpayment of Virginia tax		, 57
Cash		3,245
		\$ 90,150
PAYABLE TO WIFE DIRECTLY:		
Cash POD		\$ 16,541
Life insurance		14,918
Jointly owned property	,	13,902
Personal property		500
U. S. Civil Service		1,381
Annuity		16,338
		\$ 63,580
Gross estate per return		\$153,986
Funeral expenses, etc., per return		5,372
Net estate		\$148,614
Federal estate and Virginia inheritance tax	•	2,225
Net estate		\$146,389
Less property passing directly to wife		63,580
Net probate estate		\$ 82,809
Marital deduction \$74,307		7
Less passing directly 63,580	(12.95% wife's share)	10,727
Residuary estate	(87.05% Trust share)	\$ 72,082

EDWARD J. WHITE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

118 SOUTH ROYAL STREET

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

TELEPHONE 836-5444

January 24, 1986

Mrs. Jean O'Connell 6541 Franconia Road Springfield, VA 22150

Dear Mrs. O'Connell:

I spoke to Mr. Mackall on January 22nd as to the causes of the delay in obtaining the agreement from your son.

He stated that he had had several discussions with your son and they ironed out some minor details, and that the agreement being sent to Anthony to be signed on that date.

As soon as I receive it, I will review it and forward it to you for your signature. As soon as that is done, we can proceed to wrap up the rest of the Estate.

I spoke to Mr. John McEnearney of McEnearney & Associates, Realtors, and he will contact you concerning putting a value on your property.

Mr. McEnearney has been highly recommended to me by another appraiser, and the advantage of this approach is that you will not incur a large appraisal fee. However, there is no question that putting an appraisal price on this property will be most difficult in view of the numerous variables which might be encountered by a prospective buyer, especially zoning permits, etc.

I will be in touch with you as further developments occur.

Edward J. White

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#### **AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this <u>AS</u> day of <u>Van</u>, 1986 by and between JEAN M. O'CONNELL and ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL and HERBERT ANDERSON HIGHAM, Trustees, provides:

WHEREAS, under the Will of the late HAROLD A. O'CONNELL, which Will has been admitted to probate among the records of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, certain property was left to ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL, Trustee, upon the terms and conditions of the Trust set forth in the aforesaid Will;

WHEREAS, ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia and HERBERT ANDERSON HIGHAM has qualified as Co-Trustee in this case;

WHEREAS, the corpus of the Trust, as presently constituted, consists of a 46.0994 percent ownership of two parcels of real estate located in Fairfax County, Virginia, the first being known as 6541 Franconia Road, and is the residence of JEAN M. O'CONNELL, the second being fifteen (15) acres of land located in Accotink Station, identified as Map Reference number 090-4-01-0017;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties to fund the Trust as set forth in the Will and to provide security for JEAN M. O'CONNELL, and stability for the Trust;

IT IS HEREBY AGREED that in return for mutual promises as consideration for this agreement, the parties agree to the following:

- 1. The Co-Trustees, by their signatures hereupon, acknowledge receipt of the 46.0994 percent ownership of the two parcels referred to above.
- 2. JEAN M. O'CONNELL hereby agrees that she is the owner of the remaining 53.9006 percentage interest of the two parcels referred to above.

- 3. JEAN M. O'CONNELL hereby agrees that she will at all times pay the real estate taxes and other costs of maintaining these two parcels of property.
- 4. The Trustees hereby agree that during the life of JEAN M. O'CONNELL, they will not sell or attempt to sell by partition or otherwise, either of the two tracts of property without the written permission of JEAN M. O'CONNELL.
- 5. The Trustees agree that if either property is sold during the life of JEAN M. O'CONNELL she will be reimbursed from the sale proceeds the principal of all real estate taxes on that property paid by her which are attributable to the percentage ownership of the Trust.

In all other respects, the parties hereto agree that they are bound by the terms of the Will and Trust established therein.

Jean M. O'Connell
JEAN M. O'CONNELL

ANTHONY M. O'COMMELL

HERBERT ANDERSON HIGHAM

## ANTHONY M. O'CONNELL CONSERVATOR 2337 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63104

(314) 776-4926

December 28, 1987

Mr. Edward J. White 118 South Royal Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mr. White:

I got a buyer for my mothers residence while you were out of town. A copy of the purchase agreement is inclosed.

In spite of your excellent advice to my mother to sigh nothing without your first looking at it, I urged her to sign this (December 24, 1987) because it is so clean and I felt strongly that it was not good business to wait until January 8, 1988.

Assuming we pass the study period contingency, I hope you will handle the settlement.

I'm taking the liberty of giving your name to the buyer, Mr. R E. Lynch. Mr. Lynch mentioned that he may need copies of estate taxes, the death certificate, etc., things I don't have.

Mr. Edwin W. (Bill) Lynch Jr. can be reached at:

Lynch Properties Limited Partnership 6340 Brandon Avenue Springfield, Virginia 22150 or Guston Land Company

7514 Rambling Ridge Drive Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039

(703) 569-4992

Sincerely,

Anthony O'Connell