

Bath, January 9, 1951

Dear Dayton:

Unfortunately you are too late for the 1951 Guggenheim awards. November is the deadline for the submission of applications. However, apply for 1952. I think your chances are excellent. Write to Mr. Henry Allen Moe, Secretary-General, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. and request information and application blanks. And of course I'll be happy to have you list me as one of your references. I suggest you wait until next June to submit your application--after the turmoil of the 1951 awards has been cleared out of their offices.

A few more days and I'll go somewhere. But not to Yaddo. I wrote yesterday to say I could not spend the winter there. Instead, I want to return ~~xxxxx~~ next August, when the spa is in full bloom, when the horses are running, when the dank Victorian smell of the place is at its richest. (Did you know Edgar Allen Poe wrote "The Raven" at an inn on the site of the Yaddo Mansion? They say so.)

Would you like to spend a couple months at Yaddo next summer? If so, let one of them include August, when I hope to be there again. You have no expenses there. You may even like some of the inmates. I found a few gifted, the others harmless. To apply for an "invitation" to Yaddo write now to Mrs. Elizabeth Ames, Yaddo Corporation, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Tell her a little about your publications, and, if you like, inform her that I recommended the place to you.

Best wishes. And regards to Mrs. Kohler. How the boys have grown on the Christmas card!

Sincerely,

James Still